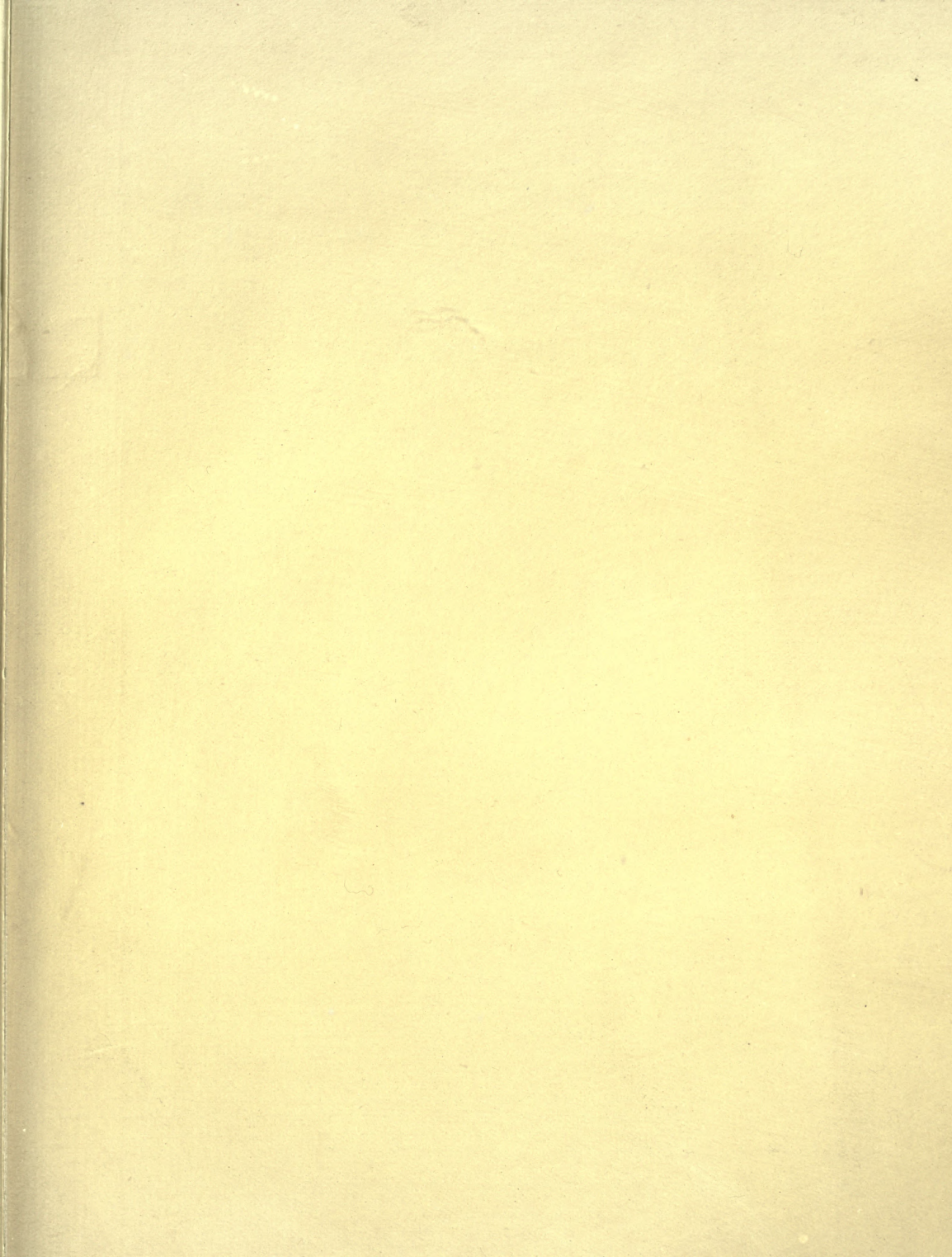


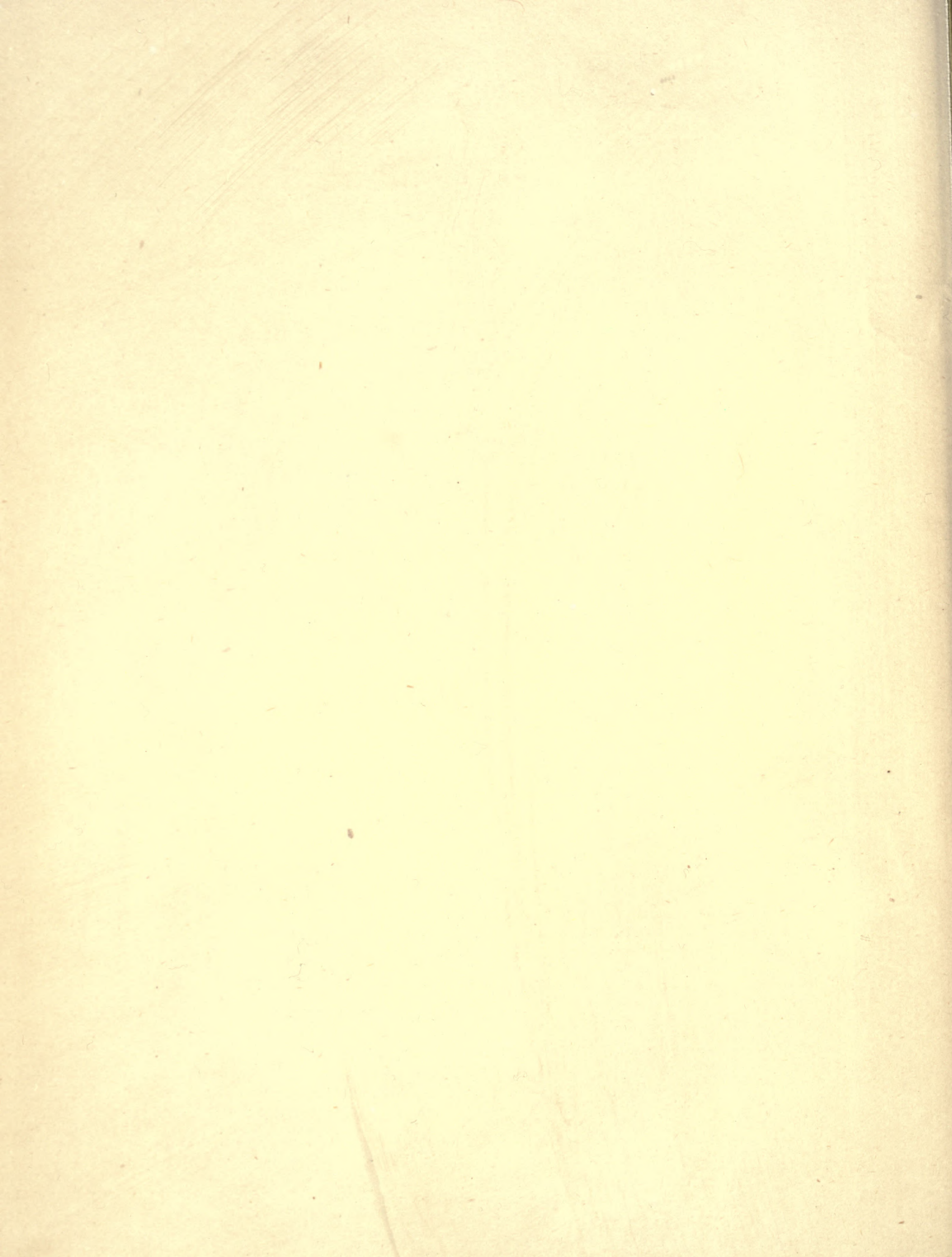
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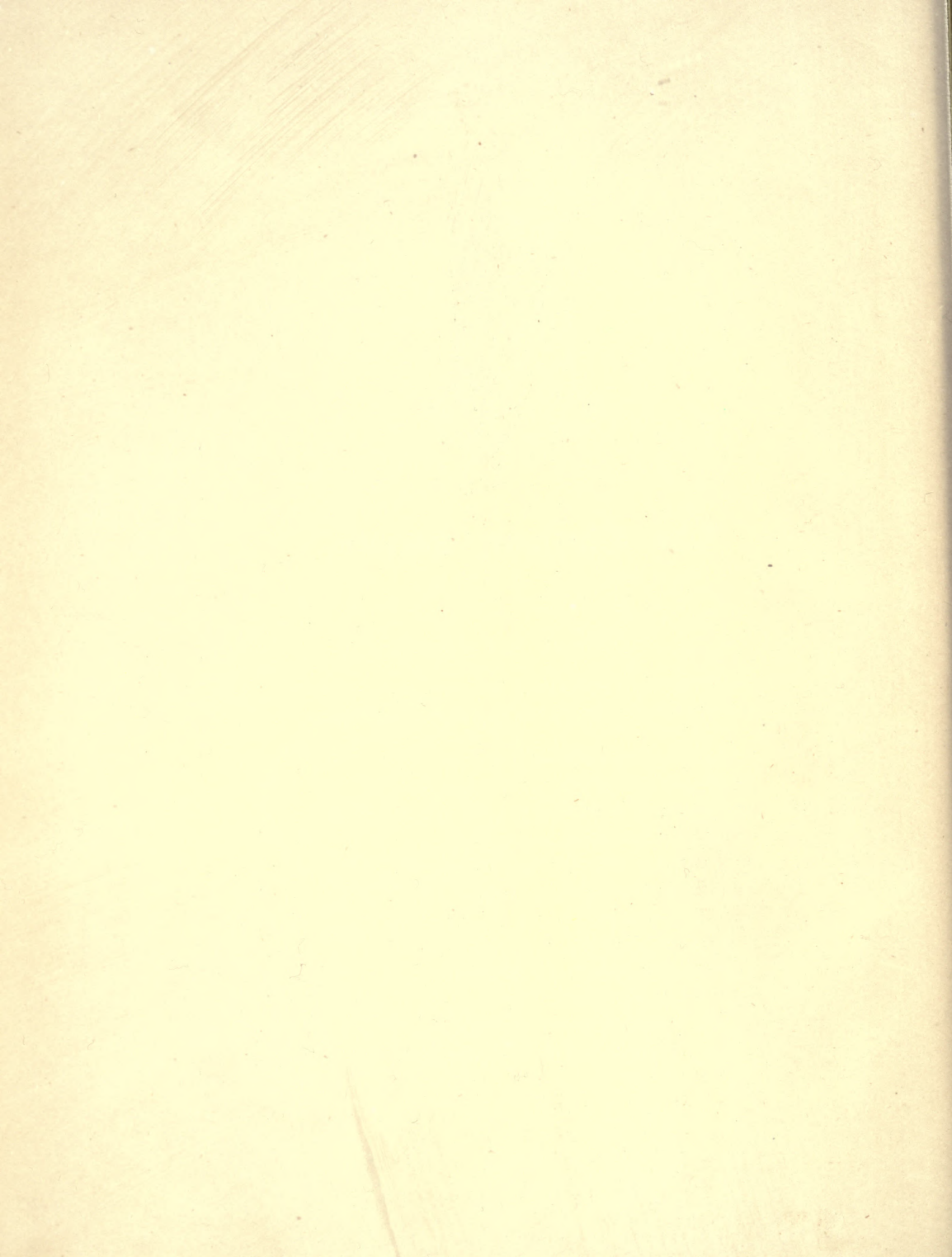
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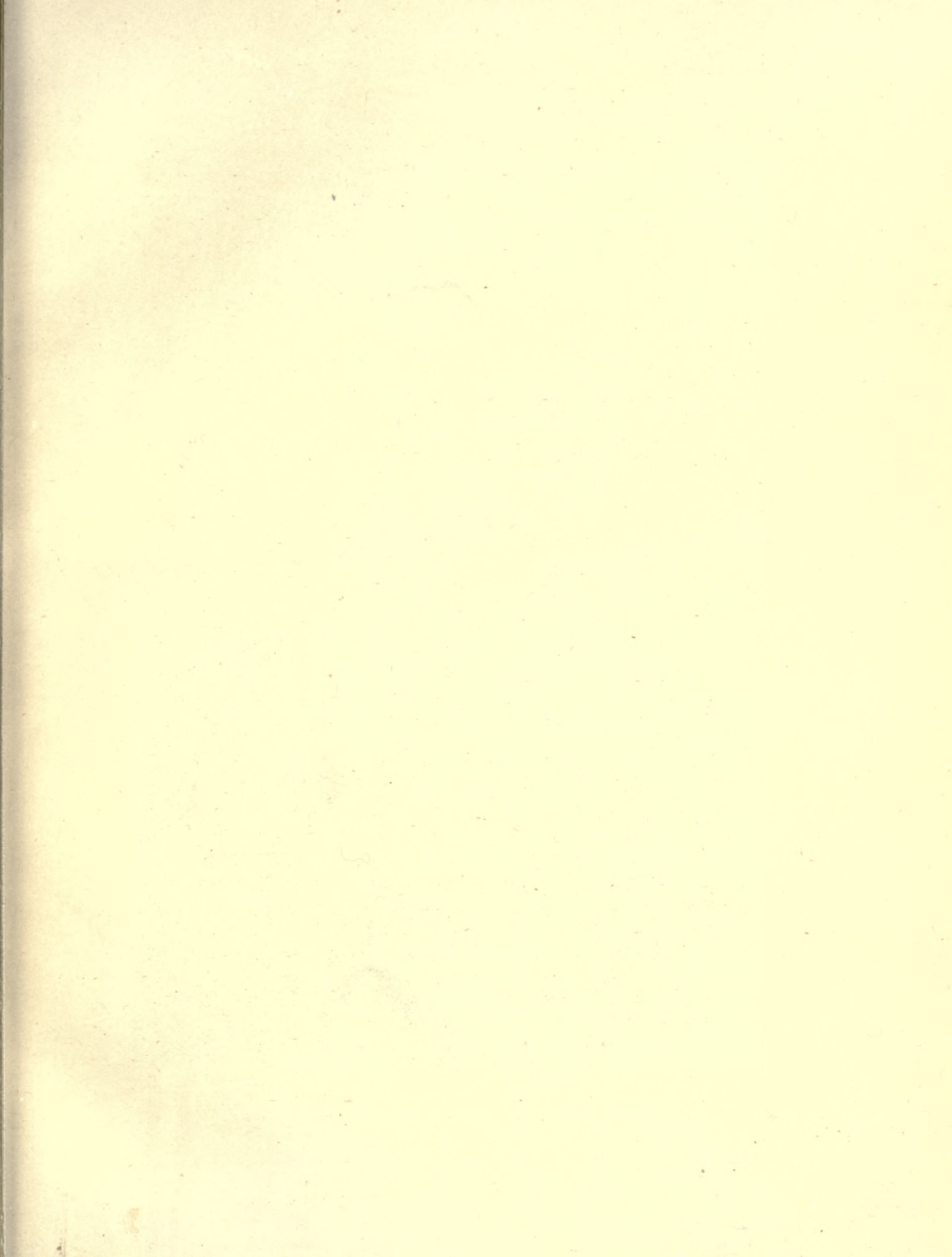
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PREFACE.

“THERE are counted in this shire beside very many Chappells, Parishes 36, and no more : but those wonderfull populous, and which for multitude of inhabitants, farre exceed the greatest parishes elsewhere.”— (Camden’s *Britannia*, ed. 1610, p. 758.)

The late Rev. JOHN BOOKER, in 1852, when he was Curate of Prestwich, published *Memorials of the Church in Prestwich*, and in 1854 a *History of the Ancient Chapel of Blackley in Manchester Parish*. These were followed in 1855 by the publication of his *History of the Ancient Chapel of Denton in Manchester Parish*, in the second volume of *Chetham Miscellanies* and the thirty-seventh volume of this Society. In 1857 his *History of the Ancient Chapels of Didsbury and Chorlton in Manchester Parish* appeared as the Society’s forty-second volume, and in 1859 his *History of Birch Chapel* as vol. forty-seven. Mr. Booker had intended to add in due course Histories of the remaining Chapelries within the old Parish of Manchester.

In 1858, however, after his marriage to the daughter of the first Bishop of Manchester, he accepted the curacy of Ashurst in Kent, which he resigned in 1859 for a curacy at Litcham in Norfolk, where he stayed till 1862,

when he moved to Sevenoaks, and in 1863 became Vicar of Benhilton, near Sutton, in Surrey, where he died in 1897. His portrait is given by Mrs. Booker's permission.

His departure from Manchester deprived the Society of the completion of the Series of his much-valued local Histories.

The late Rev. JOSEPH CLARKE had during his ministry at Stretford, first as *locum tenens* from 1837 to 1850, and afterwards as Rector from 1850 till his death in 1860, collected a large quarto volume of notes relating to the History of that Church and Township, or Parish, prefaced by a statement that his wish was, under the kind encouragement of the Bishop of the Diocese (JAMES PRINCE LEE), to rescue from oblivion the facts and circumstances connected with the Chapel of Stretford, to record those which had occurred during his own ministry, and to present the whole to his successors, with the request that they would carry on what had been thus begun, so as to preserve a continued history. On his death he bequeathed the volume to Bishop Lee, under a promise from that prelate that it should be published, and prior to 1886 it had been for many years in the hands of the late Mr. JAMES CROSTON, F.S.A., for that purpose, and had long been on this Society's List of intended publications. Mr. Croston, in 1886, not then being able to prosecute the task, on account of his health and other engagements, relinquished it in favour of the late Mr. DAVID KELLY of Stretford, who had the promise of assistance from the late Mr. JOHN EGLINGTON BAILEY, F.S.A., who also was then



JOHN EGLINGTON BAILEY, F.S.A.,
Author of 'Old Stretford.'

resident at Stretford. In announcing this in their Report for 1886 the Society's Council anticipated that the volume would prove a welcome addition to our local history, and they stated that of the Manchester Chapelries there would then only be left for compilation the Histories of Salford and Newton. The latter has been undertaken by the Rev. ERNEST F. LETTS, M.A., and after the deaths of Mr. Bailey and Mr. Kelly, the task of editing the materials collected for the History of Stretford was with great misgiving taken up by the present writer, who found that very little progress had been made since Mr. Clarke's death, unless the publication by Mr. Bailey in 1878 of a Lecture by him, entitled *Old Stretford*, is to be taken as some advance. No other attempt had apparently been made to arrange and digest the materials collected by Mr. Clarke, and the Editor desires to acknowledge in the fullest manner the use he has made of the information contained in Mr. Bailey's "Lecture."

In arranging his materials the Editor has endeavoured to observe the natural order of a place's history, first treating of its natural features, and then of those due to its inhabitants, giving the first place to the Church, its ministers and officers, and then passing to other places and persons. It has been his aim to let the records tell their own tale, with a minimum of words of his own to knit them together.

Besides acknowledging the freest use of the materials compiled by Mr. Clarke, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Kelly, the editor desires to express his thanks to the Rev. DUDLEY

HART, M.A., the present Rector of Stretford; to Mr. C. W. SUTTON, the ever courteous and accomplished Librarian of the Manchester Free Library; to the Right Reverend Monsignor C. J. GADD, Vicar General and Protonotary Apostolic; Mr. HENRY TAYLOR, Mr. JOHN BOWDEN, C.E., Mr. JOHN SLYMAN, Mr. JOSEPH GILLOW, Mr. THOMAS HACKING, Mr. C. ROEDER, Mr. W. HARRISON, and many other kind friends, for help in various ways.

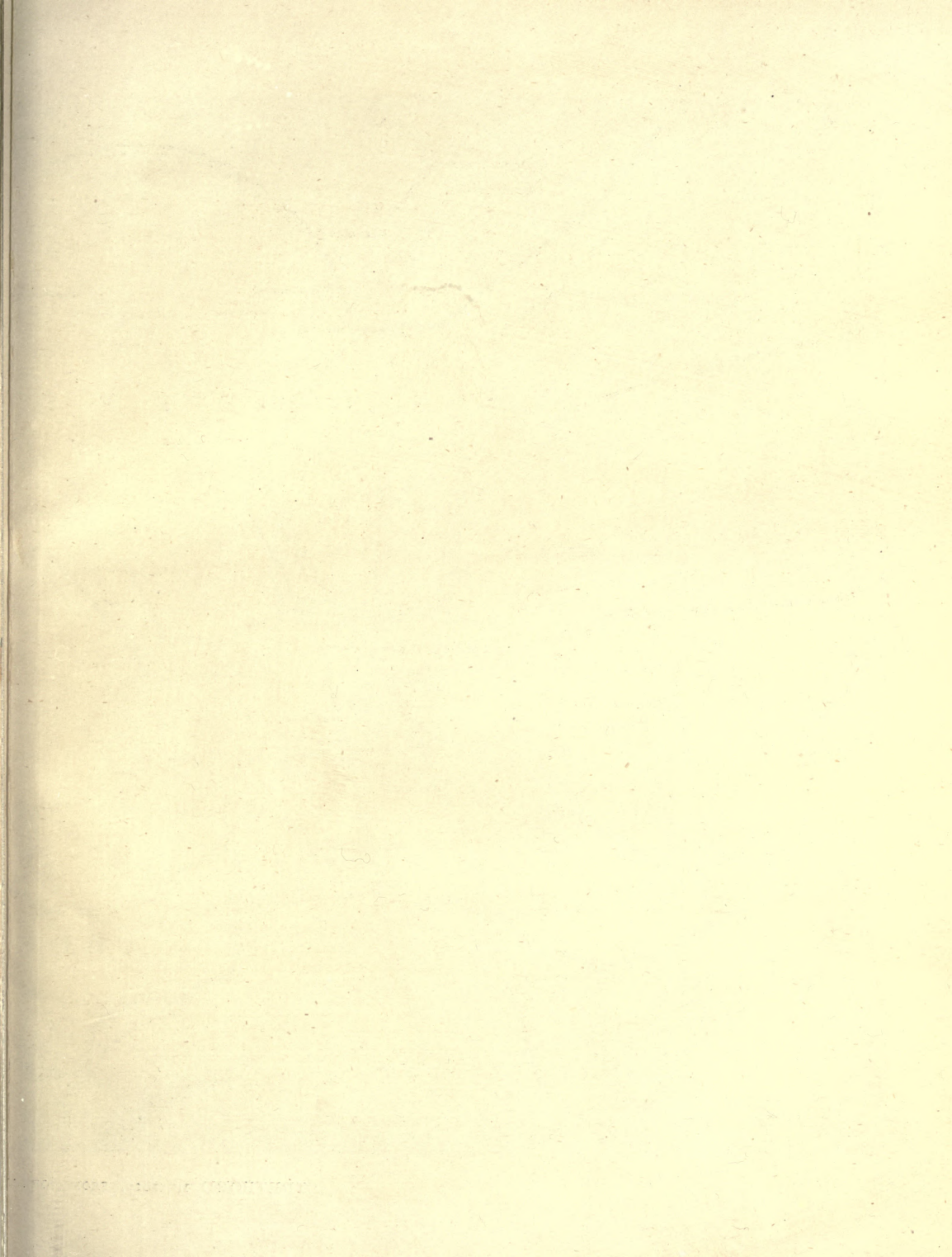
With regard to the illustrations for the three volumes, the Editor's thanks are due to some of his friends already named, and amongst others to Sir H. F. de TRAFFORD, Mrs. RYLANDS, the Rev. A. W. McLAREN, Mr. ERNEST BOWDEN, Mr. G. C. YATES, and Mr. ARTHUR RESTON, the well-known Artist and Photographer, of Stretford.

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A HISTORY

OF THE

Ancient Chapel of Stretford.

STRETTFORD township lies two miles south-west of Manchester, and contains 3,254a. 3r. 33p. (Ordnance Survey.) It is bounded on the north by the river Irwell, the course of which has been diverted by the Manchester Ship Canal, and the central line of the canal has become part of the township boundary. On the north-east Stretford adjoins the township of Hulme, the boundary being the Cornbrook. From the junction of Cornbrook Street with Moss Lane West, the boundary runs south-westwardly along Moss Lane West and Upper Chorlton Road, with breaks between Wood Road and Seymour Grove, and is bounded for the greater portion of that length by the Moss Side township, which, from Wood Road, Whalley Range, gives place to the township of Withington as far as the westerly side of the Manley Park estate, where it is bounded by the township of Chorlton-cum-Hardy. From Seymour Grove the boundary line runs westwardly across the railway and past Fir's Farm to the grounds belonging to Longford Hall. This portion crosses the swamp, or lache, called Marsleach or Menshellach. The township includes Longford Hall and grounds, which extend south-westwardly to Edge Lane. Crossing that lane the boundary runs south-westwardly to the east of Turn moss, till it meets the Chorlton brook, then turns westwardly along that

brook to its junction with the river Mersey,¹ and follows that river down for about a mile and a half, as far as the westerly end of the Sewage Farm of the Stretford Council. At this point the boundary turns northwardly, having the township of Urmston on the west, and crosses Annett's, or Hennett's, moss, then Urmston Lane, and so forwards across Barton Lane and the Bridgwater Canal. Between that canal and the Manchester Ship Canal it follows the north-westerly side of Stretford moss, which is within Trafford Park.

The township is singularly flat and devoid of natural water-courses. It lies, as has been stated already, between two rivers, the Irwell and Mersey. Within the township limits a small and short stream ran from Stretford moss into the Irwell, and another small stream drained the lowlying north-east corner, between Trafford Old Hall and the river, flowing from near Pomona Gardens to Throstle Nest. The Cornbrook formed the northerly boundary, and the line which divided Stretford from Moss Side was that of a stream which took its rise near the Alexandra Road entrance to the Alexandra Park, and skirted the southern side of Jackson's moss, which now forms part of Whalley Range, and then turned north-east, following the line of Upper Chorlton Road to Brook's Bar, whence it ran into the Cornbrook.

The township is bisected by the Longford brook, which crosses the grounds of Longford House, or Hall, and dips near Chester Road under the Bridgwater Canal, a little to the east of Longford bridge. This stream it is said was utilised by the engineer

¹ In vol. ii. pp. 277, 305, of Harland's *Mamecestre* (Chetham Society, vol. lvi.) the boundaries of the lower bailiwick of the Barony of Manchester, c. 1322, are given. The boundary from near Stockport is as follows: "And then following the Mersey [westwardly] up to Stretford broke [now called Chorlton brook], and from thence following the bounds between Stretford and Chollerton, which is a member of Wythington [manor], up to Menshellach, and following that up to Whittentonclou, and from thence going between Withington clou and Trafford up to the bounds of Chorlton, and following that between Chorlton and Trafford up to the Cornbroke, and following that [brook] between the Manor of Hulme near Alport and Trafford up to the middle of the river Irwel."—(See also *Old South East Lancashire*, p. 135.)

of the Bridgwater Canal as a feeder, for which purpose the Chorlton brook was dammed near the Dog House farm, above Alexandra Park station, and an artificial channel was formed to the head of the Longford brook, which was close at hand. The rest of the land was drained by a system of ditches connected with the brooks. The only other natural stream is the Ousel,¹ or Kicketty brook, which runs from Turn moss towards the river Mersey, and was in the nineteenth century embanked and utilised for receiving the overflow from the Mersey under the name of the Overflow River, or New River Channel. An ultimate tributary of the Ousel brook on the west side of Chester Road, or Watling Street, is known as the Kicketty brook, and is siphoned under the overflow river.

Before the river Irwell was first rendered navigable, there was perhaps a ford across it near and a little above the Ship Canal swing bridge, at the place which was formerly called Throstle Nest, where the river made a rather sharp bend, with the usual result of forming a shoal. This ford, if it existed, was obliterated about a century and a half ago, when the first weir and locks were constructed for the Irwell Navigation. A ferry was established in its place, and continued more or less in use until 1878, when a bridge was built at the joint expense of the Salford Corporation and the Stretford Local Board, and that bridge was later on supplemented by the present swing bridge across the Ship Canal.

The village and township of Stretford, however, do not derive their names from any natural feature, but from the existence of the great Roman, or Romanised British, road called the Watling Street, running from Chester to Manchester, and locally called Chester Street, or Cross Street, which traversed the township from near the south-west corner to the north-east corner. This "Street" crossed the Mersey by a "ford" called "Street-ford" and Cross-

¹ Ousel appears to reflect a place-name which in 1782 was spelt Housel, and in 1701 House hill, and the place so named was near Hillam, by New Croft, in Urmston, which signifies the Hill ham, hamlet, or village.

ford, otherwise Cross-ferry. These two latter names, as well as "Cross Street," which is met with in the Stretford Register as early as 1608 as the name of Sale, on the opposite side of the river, are probably due to the former conjectural existence of crosses to mark the road during the frequent flooding of the low land between Sale and Stretford. The intervening half-mile was very apt to be flooded before the river course was trained between its present lofty embankments, and before the heavy rainfall on the Derbyshire hills was impounded by various manufactories along the course of the tributary streams which at Stockport unite and become known as the Mersey. The gigantic waterworks of the Manchester and other Corporations at Woodhead and elsewhere have also greatly aided in regulating the flow of the river, so that it is difficult now to picture the terrible dangers of this part of the road in former times. The river used then beyond doubt to rise suddenly and spread out widely, and most likely had no very permanent or definite channel. Indeed the term "Cheshire Waters" was as often used as Mersey river, and the embankments were styled "water banks."

Reverting to the Roman or Romanised road called Chester or Watling Street, in November, 1885, Mr. George Esdaile informed the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society that in making a sewer a few months previously to the south of the Dog and Partridge Inn, and nearly opposite the Great Stone, a section of the Chester Road had been exposed to view, and showed beneath the present macadam, at three feet six inches below the present surface, a boulder road, below which, at six feet six inches below the surface, was a wattle road of brushwood, laid upon the sand and covered by ling and gorse, with a ditch on each side.—(Vol. iii. p. 262 ; vol. v. p. 293.)

Mr. George Esdaile at the same time endeavoured, unsuccessfully it was thought, to prove that the Romans had a camp at Stretford, that Chester Road, otherwise Watling Street, was the *via principalis*, and that one-third of the camp lay on the north

side of the road, and extended about 250 yards from the road, and that two-thirds lay on the south side, "as indicated by a foot-path which at one time led at right angles from that road in a straight line for 400 yards, almost up to Edge House, but curved to the west to continue for some distance before joining Hawthorn Lane." Mr. Esdaile adduced evidence that Brindley had utilised, in the construction of the Bridgewater Canal, enormous quantities of worked stone, "which could only have been made for some massive work, such as the walls of a camp would require for doorways and gates." Mr. Esdaile also stated that during a recent reconstruction of the canal bank near Water Meetings, a large tile was found, measuring twenty-three inches square by three inches thick, with an inscription, of which the workmen, who reburied it near where it was found, could only read L E G, and the rest was not understood by them. "There have been numerous finds of thin bricks, and of a sewer, which might be that which ran down the Via Prætoria from the Valedudinarium. This sewer was also made of thin bricks, and only a part of it was undisturbed where the foundations of a new house intersected it."—(*Op. cit.*, vol. iii. p. 262.)

In December, 1885, Mr. Esdaile exhibited to the Society the stopper of a Roman urn, the stopper having been found at Stretford.—(*Op. cit.*, vol. iii. p. 269.)

Mr. Esdaile seems to have been haunted by the ghost of the mythical Roman station, *Fines Maximæ et Flaviæ*, as imagined by Charles Julius Bertram of Copenhagen, who hoaxed Dr. Stukeley into believing in the forgery called "The Itinerary of Richard of Cirencester," which was exploded by Dr. Wilson in a letter to *The Athenæum*, June 1, 1867. Whitaker (*Manchester*, ch. vi.) in 1778 located this imaginary station on the south or Sale side of the river, on the west side of the road, and spoke of a rising ground of gravel and marl, about musket-shot from the river, then divided into two fields, the nearer of which was called the Rie or River field, and was bounded on one side by a long ditch twenty yards in breadth and three yards in depth. Its former

boundaries were (1) the Red or Reed brook, which flowed directly under the bank and along the hollow, but then recently intercepted by the course of the new canal; (2) the river, which received the Reed brook at an angle; (3) another large ditch, which is supposed to have crossed along the middle of Scholes's field; and (4) by a natural hollow, which had been formed into a lane. Whitaker further states that the Mersey, in one of those wild floods to which it is peculiarly subject, had broken the Lancashire bank, and was flowing many yards within that county, having deserted its ancient bridge of three arches, and left its ancient channel under the Roman Castrum.

About 1533 John Leland, the Antiquary, came into Lancashire out of Shropshire and Cheshire, commissioned by King Henry VIII., whose chaplain and librarian he was, to search for ancient writings in all the libraries of colleges, abbeys, priories, etc., in His Majesty's dominions. His *Itinerary* was published in nine volumes, in 1710, by Thomas Hearne. This *Itinerary* (vol. v. p. 78) says: "Within iij miles [nearly five] of Crosford Bridge on Mersey I cam over the prati River Bolyn, that, as I lernid, risith about Maxwell [Macclesfield] Forest and goith a good way byneth [that is, lower down than, or below] Crosford Bridg into Mersey. I rode over Mersey water by a great bridge of Tymber caulled Crosford Bridge. The water of Mersey to the veri maine se [sea] departeth Chestershire and Lancaster-shire. So about iij miles [nearly five, from the bridge] to Manchester, in wich way first I left Syr Alexander Radcliffe's Parkehouse [Ordsal Hall] on the left hond over Irwel. But er [after] I saw that, I passed over Corne Brooke, and after [before] I touched within a good mile [two miles] of Manchester by Mr. Traiford's park and place [at Old Trafford], and after on the left hond I saw Mr. Prestwiches Place [Hulme Hall] on the left hond over [on this side of] Irwel, whereby [near which] the Lord Darby hath a place [Alport Lodge] and a park caullid Alparte Parke [round about St. John's Church, Deansgate]. Hereabout I passed over Medlock River, and so within lesse than a mile to Manchestre."

Hollingworth's *Chronicle* [written c. 1656, printed at Manchester, 1839, p. 83] tells us that "Anno 1577, Crosford or Crosfery bridge was begunne to be taken care of that it might be reedyfyed and built of stone. The Inhabitants of Manchester petitioned the Queen's most Honorable Councill, and there-uppon Ralph Sadler, chauncelor of the Dutchy of Lancaster, Mr. Justice Meade, Mr. Gilbert Gerrard, Atturney of the Dutchy of Lancaster, wrote to the Justices of Peace in Lancashire to view and cause the same to be reedyfyed; and they assessed the county in the summe of two hundred pounds, and the inhabitants of the towne of Manchester did of their owne benevolence bestow fourty pounds over and above, so that the bridge was builded in that manner that now [c. 1656] it is."

It was in 1530, three years before Leland crossed the great bridge of timber called Crosford Bridge, that the Statute of Bridges (22 Henry VIII., cap. 5) was passed, declaratory of the Common Law duty of the Inhabitants of a County to repair bridges of public utility.

In 1803 an Act (43 Geo. III., cap. 59) was passed imposing certain restrictions upon the county liability with regard to bridges, in the same way that the later Highway Act in 1835 restricted the law respecting the repairability of highways.

In 1582 Robert Birche of Manchester, Lynnyne Draper, by his will dated Febry 9th, bequeathed *iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d* "towards the buildinge of A stone [platt ?] at Backhouse Lache betwene Streytfforde and Crosfford bridge." This "lache" was latterly known as "Th' Ait Lach," and was at the arches just beyond the Cock Inn.

Mr. Earwaker's *Accounts of the Constables of Manchester* contain some items relating to the repair of the road between Stretford and Manchester, and the repair of the bridges upon it, thus :

1616, Oct. 22. The justices, with the consent of the inhabitants of the Parish of Manchester,¹ directed a precept to the Constable

¹ The parish of Manchester was of wider extent than the eleven hamlets or townships alluded to. Stretford, Moss Side, Chorlton Row (C.-upon-Medlock), and

to raise their share of certaine somes of money taxed upon the [eleven (vol. iii. p. 87)] hamlets of Manchester [Ardwick, Blackley, Bradford, Crumpsall, Droylsden, Failsworth, Gorton, Harpurhey, Hulme, Newton Heath, Openshaw] "towards the Repaire and amendm^{te} of the waie Leadinge from Manchester to Stretforde"—and it cost 2s. 6d. to make and send out the precepts to the several hamlets.—(Vol. i. p. 31.)

In 1617-8 they paid £4 9s. 2d. "towards the repaire of the highwaye leadinge betwixt Crosford briggs and Manchester, by an Estreat forth of the Duchie."—(Vol. i. p. 39.)

1618, March 30, they paid 2s. 6d. for making of precepts to the hamlets for collecting money "towards the repayre of the highe way betwixt Croxford Briggs & Manchester."—(Vol. i. p. 44.)

In 1619-20 they paid 17s. 10d. to the highe Constables for the M^r of the house of Correction & for Crosford Bridge & for sendinge Prisoners to the house of Correction, being the p'te Due p' the towne.—(Vol. i. p. 66.)

1627, June (vol. i. p. 179). Received out of the hamills from the Cunstable towards the Repayre of Cornebroocke bridge & the stonne p[l]att in Stretford [now called Eye Platt Bridge] - - - - - o 8 8

„ June 9 (p. 187). Pd to the hye Cunstable for Repayre of Cornbrooke bridge & the stonne platt in strettford - - - - - o 9 4½

„ Pd for precepts to the hamlets & sending them for the above - - - - - o 3 0

Mention is made of a lay for various purposes, including Crosford Bridge, in 1634-5 (vol. ii. pp. 14, 27), and again in August,

Chorlton-cum-Hardy, and many others, are omitted, which were within the ancient parish of Manchester. For highway purposes the inhabitants of the parish were the unit, but in Lancashire and the North of England generally the townships ranked as parishes. For Manchester Parish the law was settled and declared by an Act passed in 1819 (59 Geo. III.). The parish and manor of Manchester seem for some purposes to have been almost synonymous.

1647, and in the same year they paid 1s. for an order "for veiueinge Knot mile & Cornbrooke brs" (vol. ii. p. 135). A lay for the repaire of those bridges was also laid 7 Oct., 1648 (vol. ii. p. 173).

On May 2, 1745, the Manchester Constables incurred 13s. expenses at Sessions about Cornbrook bridge.—(Vol. iii. p. 15.)

P^d 24th January, 1662-3, to Mr. Tho. Elliott to prosecute the townes busines at Sessions against the towne of Strettford for bote lane,¹ 2^{li} 2^s 10^d.—(Vol. ii. p. 148.)

P^d thomas Elliott for a coppie of a verdide conserneinge bote lane, 0 7 0.—(Vol. ii. p. 149.)

The liability to repair Boat Lane seems to have been a matter of dispute. Thus:—

1640, Oct. 13, "p^d Mr. Rob'te Twiford to sollicite the busines about Boate Lane at the Asizes, 01^{li} 10^s -^d," and "It' Rec. of ye Constables of ye hamels for Boate lane, 3^{li} 5^s 8^d."

1641, Ap. 6, "It' p^d for a warrant for ye constables of openshaw to bringe in theyr monye for boat lane 12^d."

In 1617 the Justices by precept directed the Manchester Constables to lay a rate towards the amendm^{ts} of the boate Laine, and raised £5 13s. 2^d., Bradford contributed 2s. 9½^d. and Harpurhey 2s. 1^d., "and the Rest of the hamells paied none."—(*Op. cit.*, vol. i. p. 24.)

Out of this, on 20 Dec., 1617, £2 was paid to the High Constable of the Salford Hundred.—(*Op. cit.*, vol. i. p. 25.)

In 1627 the hamels contributed £5 7s. 1½^d., and Manchester raised £3 15s. 6^d. for ye amendinge boate lane (*op. cit.*, vol. i. p. 193), and £8 14s. 10½^d. was "paid to Thomas Diconson by th appointment of his maister S^r Cecill Trafforde for that purpose,

¹ Boat Lane was probably a lane branching from Chester Road to the river, and crossing by Woden's ford to Salford, near Hulme Hall Lane or Regent Road bridge. Its whereabouts are not defined in the *Constables' Accounts*, but the *Manchester Court Leet Records* mention it (see *post*), and Mr. Charles Roeder, in a note about Gallows meadows in Salford, says Whitaker in his *History* fixes those meadows "at the fifth or sixth enclosure in the footpath along the Irwell, from *Boathouse Lane* towards the lock, and facing the great Hulme meadow on the other side of the culvert."—(*Manchester City News*, N. & Q., No. 5191.)

but the Manchester Constables paid 12*d.* for hyring a man to goe to all y^e Constables of ye hamells for ye hasteninge of ye money due vpon p^rcepte for ye amendinge of boate lane.— (*Op. cit.*, vol. i. p. 200.)

The next item is a payment of 2*s.* 6*d.* for making precepts to the hamlet Constables "for ye answeringe certayne articles ye highe constable is to p^r [prove] at y^e assyse at lancaster," and on the following page 18*d.* is entered as paid "for an answer to ye highe constables to certayne articles againste ye next assyse."

The *Manchester Court Leet Records* (vol. v. p. 7) for 7 October, 1662, show that the Leet Jury found that "there are some endeauors to leuye by distresse the sume of fiftie pounds upon this towne and parish, p^rtended to bee upon their neglect and in not repairinge the *Boate lane and the way thereabouts leadinge from this towne to Stretford*," and the jury were informed "that this towne neither hath beene nor is liable in p^rte or in whole to re-paire any of the said lane or way, but that it hath been hitherto Done by others therein concerned," and "Mr. John Chorleton and Mr. Thomas Elliott the p^rsent Supervisors of the highwaies for this Towne and parish haue entred a Trauerse att the last Sessions to a Certaine Indictm^t their p^rsecuted ag^t this Towne," and it was ordered that the Constables should pay out of the rates what was spent touching the traverse, and be indemnified against what they should legally do in the execution of their offices.

On 7 Mar., 1759, the Manchester Constables paid £7 17*s.* 2*d.* under a money warrant for repair of Eye Plat Bridge, and on 12 Oct., 1772, they paid £27 14*s.* 6*d.* under a High Constables warrant for rebuilding Eye Plat Bridge, &c. The bridge so rebuilt, with six arches, in 1772, is still known as "The New Arches." It is officially lettered on the battlements, by the Lancashire County Council, "Eye Platt New Bridge." The other bridge, some thirty yards nearer the Old Cock, is lettered "Eye Platt Bridge." The latter spans a ditch or stream which runs alongside the canal from near Edge Lane railway

bridge. The former spans the brook, which rises near Turn moss, and falls into the Mersey below Urmston. This stream was formerly known in both Stretford and Urmston as the Stone Platt ditch, and took its name from the Stonne Platt in Stretford, mentioned in the accounts for 1627; it is also called the "Overflow River" or "Ousel Brook."

In 1704 the highway near Stretford Cross, where Edge Lane joins Chester Road, being part of the road from Flixton to Stockport, was indicted as being very dirty and muddy, and very narrow. The proceedings were quashed on a writ of error (*Reg. v. Inhabitants of Stretford*, Lord Raymond's Reports, vol. ii. p. 1169; vol. iii. p. 40). The indictment ran in accordance with the rules of pleading in such cases, that "the Queen's Highway within Stretford, between the west end of a certain lane within Urmston and a certain place called Stretford Cross, for the space of fifty rodde or thereabouts, leading between the village of Flixton and the market town of Stockport, on 11 Jan. in 2 Ann was very dirty and muddy and so narrow that the Queen's subjects could not pass." John Sherlock and Thomas Moss were the two inhabitants of Stretford who pleaded not guilty to the indictment.

In 1745 when Prince Charles Edward was marching south, the Government, to bar his advance, ordered Crossford Bridge to be destroyed, and the command was carried out by the Liverpool Blues. Miss Byrom in her *Journal* mentions on 26th November, 1745, that the pulling up of the bridge at Cross Street was that day being proceeded with.—(Chet. Soc., vol. xlv. p. 388.)

When the Prince left Manchester on November 30, 1745, he issued a Proclamation as follows:—

"His Royal Highness being informed that several bridges have been pulled down in the county, he has given orders to repair them forthwith, particularly that at Crossford, which is to be done this night by his own troops, though his Royal Highness does not propose to make use of it for his own army, but believes it will be of service to the country, and if any of

the forces that are with General Wade be coming this road they may have the benefit of it.”—(Chambers’s *Hist. of the Rebellion*, vol. i. p. 271.)

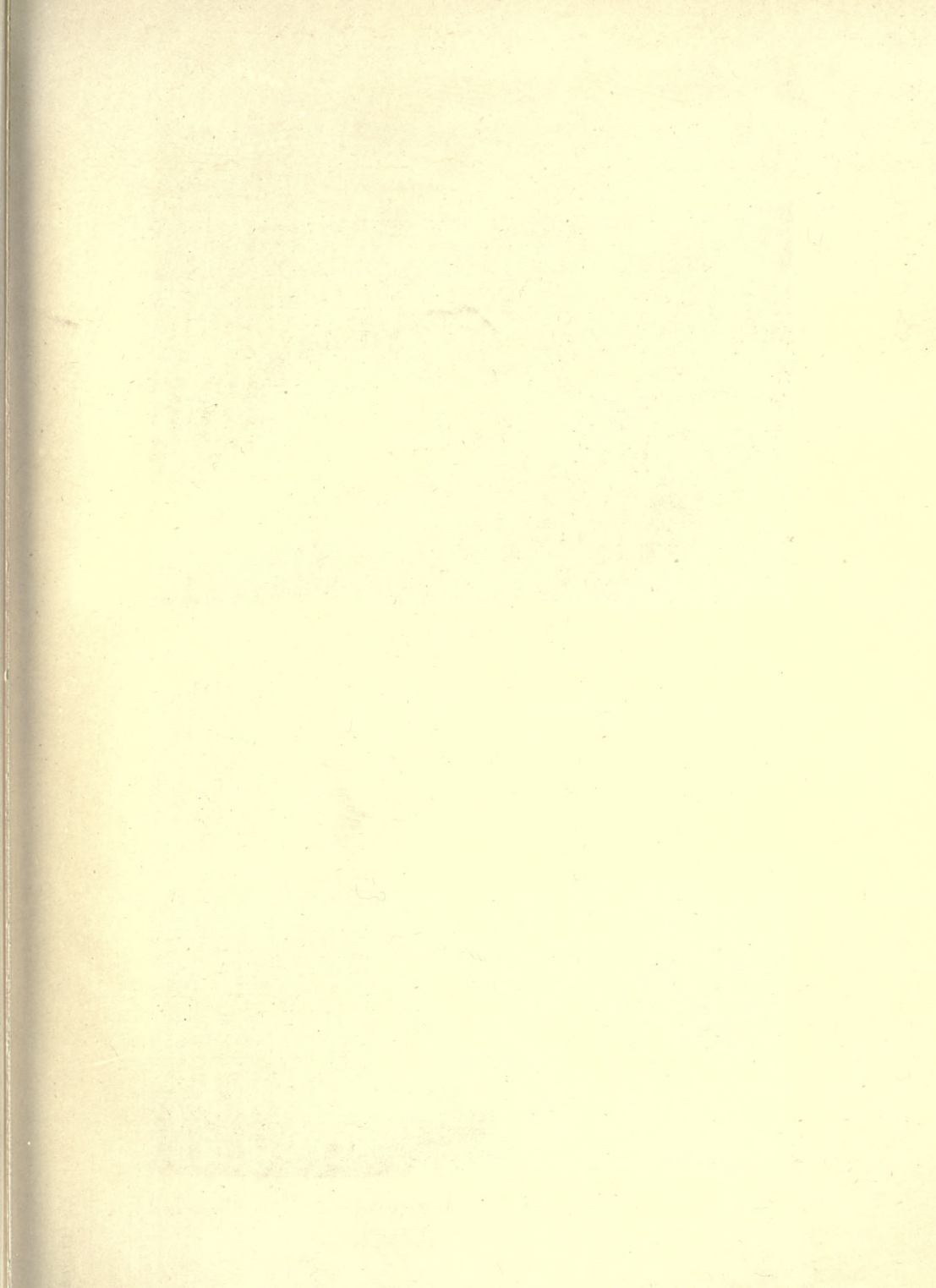
Although the bridge was to be rebuilt by the troops, the *Manchester Constables Accounts* (vol. iii. p. 22) contain the following entries:—

1745, Nov. 30. To sundry Labourers fforc’d this day	£	s.	d.
by the Rebels to Crosford Bridge	-	-	02 09 00
„ to Drink for them at Stretford	-	-	01 08 05
„ to wid Lightboun for Ropes, &c., taken to			
Crosford Bridge	-	-	01 02 06
„ to Mr. Battersbee for chains, &c., taken thither			02 15 06
„ to sundrys for Nails and holdfasts taken thither			02 07 03
„ to Messrs. Hulme and Hardman for torches			
taken thither, &c.	-	-	02 12 00

Mr. Thomas Walley, one of the Manchester Constables, records in his Diary (*L. and C. Antiq. Soc. Transactions*, 1889):—

Saturday, 30th [Nov.] I was sent for by an officer to go to the Prince, as they call’d him, but first I must go to know if the timber, planks, &c., was gone to Crossford. Upon which I went up to the timber yard and with another officer, where I found Mr. Bowker [the other Constable], two carts with timber and some men with planks was going. The officer commanded me to send for a number of links which I must have for them, which I did. Then I was to go with an officer up to the Prince as they call’d him and make a report. I was at the door of the Parler where the officer asked me, “Did you see the Timber, Planks, Nails, Ropes, &c., go towards Crossford Bridge?” I made answer, “Several carts was gone and others agoeing.”

“A party of two hundred [of the Prince’s army] proceeded through Stratford, and advanced to Altringham, having made a sort of bridge over the river by filling it with trees which they had felled.”—(Hibbert-Ware, *Foundations of Manchester*, vol. ii. p. 104.) The Rev. Joseph Mottershead, D.D., minister of Cross Street Chapel, Manchester, writing to the Rev. E. C. Blackmore,





BARFOOT BRIDGE.



CROSSFORD BRIDGE.

at Worcester, on December 4, 1745, says, "A squadron of horse marched over Cross Street Bridge (just repaired with timber and planks by ye Chevalier's orders) to Altringham, and ye next day to Macclesfield."—(*Manchester City News*, N. & Q., No. 4985, April 28, 1888.)

The temporarily repaired bridge was pulled up again within the next few days, as the *Constables Accounts* show, and it was re-erected at the expense of the county.

On Dec. 7 the Manchester Constables "p^d Mr.

Smith sundry charges of pulling up Crosford

Bridge to retard the Retreat of the Rebels, p^r

order of Jam^s Chetham, Esq^r." - - - 01 14 00

"To Samuel Molesdale and other Labourers - 01 11 11½

On Dec. 23, 1745, the *Constables Accounts* show a further disbursement of "4s. for two press warr^{ts} for 5 wagons, 3 of 'em out of Stretford."

In 1750 an Act was passed for turnpiking the Crosford Bridge, Stretford, and Manchester Road, and the Act continued in force until 1st November, 1872.

In December, 1763, a notice was published by order of the Commissioners for the Longford turnpike for tenders for raising the road from Crosford Bridge to the Cock Inn so high as to be secure from the floods, with ramparts and arches in proper places. Proposals were to be delivered sealed to the Old Coffee House in Manchester, 7 February, 1764.

In 1770 the tolls were so large that the old Longford toll-house, which was pulled down in 1854, was let for £331 a year.

In 1831 an Act was passed for turnpiking a branch of this road between Stretford and Hulme, being the road called Stretford Road from Old Trafford to All Saints, and this Act terminated at the same time as the other. The continuation from Crosford Bridge to Altrincham was turnpiked under an Act passed in 1765. It was known as "Washway."

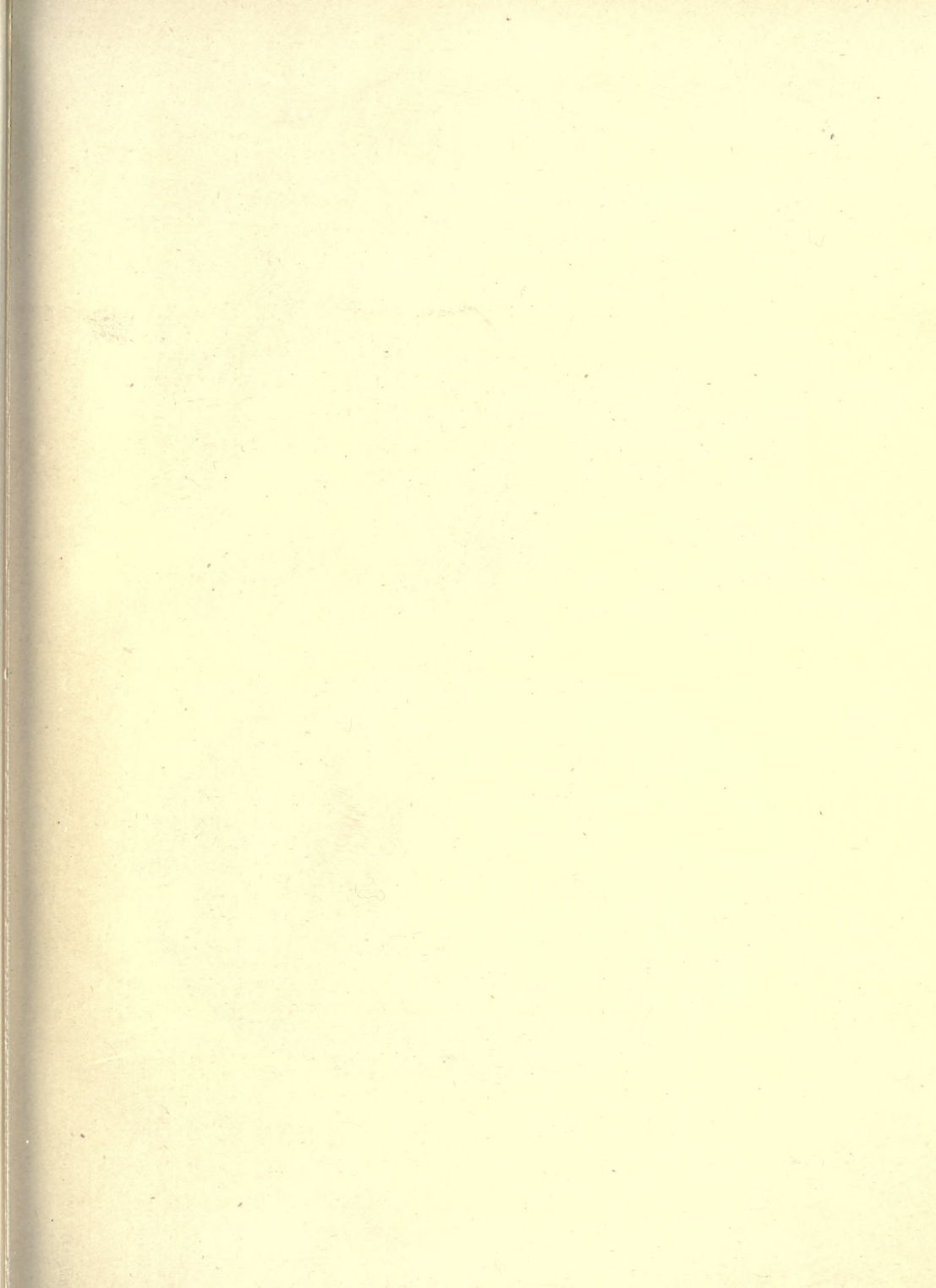
The road from Stretford to Barton Bridge, above referred to as King Street and Urmston Lane, was turnpiked under an Act

passed in 1811, along with the branch from "the Cross" at Stretford to the junction of King Street and Urmston Lane. This Act continued in force till 1 November, 1880.

Neither Edge Lane nor Back Lane, otherwise Hawthorn Lane, was ever the subject of a turnpike Act.—(See Mr. William Harrison's valuable articles on Lancashire and Cheshire Turnpike Roads, and table, in L. and C. Antiq. Soc., vols. iv. and x.)

The Preamble of the 1750 Act recites "that the road leading from Crosford Bridge through the townships of Stretford and Hulme to the town of Manchester in the County Palatine of Lancaster is a common High Road, and part of the Post Road from London to the said town of Manchester; and by reason of the Nature of the Soil and the many and heavy carriages passing through the same the said Road is become so exceeding deep and ruinous that in the Winter Season and frequently in Summer it is very difficult and dangerous to pass through the greatest Part thereof with Waggon, Carts, and other Wheelcarriages; and travellers cannot pass without Danger and Loss of time. And some Part of the said Road lying next to Crosford Bridge is many times overflowed with Water and unpassable, whereby the Post is delayed and several Persons in attempting to pass through the same have lost their lives."—(Harrison, L. and C. Antiq. Soc., vol. iv. p. 86.)

Notwithstanding the good intentions of this Act of 1750, and the work done under it, Arthur Young (*Tour Through the North of England*) in 1771 describes amongst other Lancashire roads the road to Altrincham of which he says "If possible this execrable road is worse than [that] from Preston. It is of heavy sand, which cuts into such prodigious rutts that a carriage moves with great danger. These sands turn to floods of mud in any season the least wet," and the road to Manchester he says was "Part of it the same as last, the rest of paved causeway, and done in so wretched a manner that it is cut into continuous holes. For it is made so narrow that only one carriage can move at a time, and that consequently in a line of rutts."





CROSSFORD TOLL-BAR.



OLD COCK INN.

In 1849 a main sewer was laid by the Road Trustees along the highway from Longford Bridge to the river.

The Stretford toll bar at the Mersey Bridge was abolished October 31, 1885. The gate keeper was John Mellor, who in 1898 was still living in Stretford. He had occupied the position for the previous thirteen years, ever since the toll bar came into the possession of the late Mr. John Greenwood of Pendleton, then chairman of the Manchester Carriage and Tramways Company. A few yards away stood the Bridge Inn, occupied by the late Mr. John Broadey, who had taken out fifty-one consecutive licenses. This house stood below the level of the road, and at times, when there was a heavy flood on, it was no uncommon thing for the banks of the Mersey to break, with the result that Mr. Broadey's ground floor was often under water. Mr. Mellor used to get notice of the fact by shouts of "Ship ahoy," a certain signal that Mr. Broadey was a prisoner in his bedroom, and a ladder had to be brought to release him.—[F. S. of Stretford, in *Manchester City News*, February 19, 1898, p. 2, col. 2.]

Following the Watling Street past the Old Cock Inn, which was situate at the southerly end of the village, and past the old Chapel on the left, and Derbyshire Lane (also on the left), some buildings on the right beyond Longford Bridge were reached. These were called Gorsehill, and on the same side, that is the east side, at the third milestone from Manchester, is the Great Stone, with some farm buildings on each side of the road. At the Great Stone the Watling Street bent slightly to the right, and from there continued in a direct line to Campfield. Instead of inclining to the right at the Botanical Gardens the original road followed as nearly as possible the present line of the Bridgewater Canal. That Canal, however, was originally in the slope of the high ground, and was straightened when the railway to Chorlton-cum-Hardy and Didsbury was cut. Where the Ship Canal dock head nearest to Manchester now is, there was formerly a toll bar, and the second milestone from Manchester was midway between there and Throstle Nest. City Road,

Stretford Road, Chorlton Road, and Upper Chorlton Road, are modern innovations. Before they were constructed a person wishing to go on foot from Manchester to Chorlton-cum-Hardy would follow Chester Road to Cornbrook and there turn to the left along a lane, which is now best known as Hullard Hall Lane, until he came to Seymour Grove, or he would keep to the right along the main road to Throstle Nest and then turn to the left and pass behind Trafford Old Hall and farm along a lane which is approximately represented by Boyer Street and Talbot Road, to the lane which is now widened and straightened and called Seymour Grove, but then a narrow and slightly winding lane called Chorlton or Trafford Lane, barred at the Trafford Hall end by a gate.

Between Stretford and Chorlton-cum-Hardy there were two roads, one along the edge of the high land, and therefore termed Edge Lane, and the other along the foot of the high land. This latter has been, and is, known by many names, such as Back Lane,¹ Cut [*i.e.* Canal]hole Lane, Town's Bank [1856], and now Hawthorn Road, and is popularly dated back to Roman times, though it can by no manner of means be said to pursue the usual direct line of a Roman road from point to point. In Back Lane, within the adjoining township of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, a stone celt was found.—(L. & C. Antiq. Soc., vol. x. p. 250.)

From the westerly side of the Watling Street a road branched off at the Old Cock Inn, and led westwardly to Annett's moss, where turf and rushes could be had, and another called Higgin Lane² led northwardly past the Pinfold (at the north-east corner

¹ Nowadays the road connecting Urmston Lane with Chapel Lane is known as Back Lane, or Sandy Lane, or Annett's Lane.

² Utilitarianism has renounced the old names of several Stretford landmarks. Thus Higgin Lane and its continuation Butt Lane have been dubbed Barton Road. Coalpit Lane, from the Pinfold to Lostock Lane, is known no more, but Low Moss Lane survives, branching from Barton Road beyond "Park Road." Toad Lane is now Brunswick Street; Back Lane, by the Old Cock, is Highfield Road; Moss Lane, by the Old Cock, is Poplar Road; Old Lane, branching from Barton Road beyond the Pinfold, is Park Road; Moore Street, off Chester Road, is Leslie Street; and Brick-kill Lane, past the Gasworks, seems forgotten.

of King Street), to Low moss and Stretford moss, from which the villagers supplemented their peat supplies. Off this northern lane a branch ran westwardly to Orm's-town, or Urmston, and another called Lostock Lane led also westwardly to Croft's Bank and Barton, from which Park Road branched to Moss Farm in Trafford Park, crossing the Bridgewater Canal at Moss Bridge.

Edge Lane was continued westwardly across Watling Street, and under the name of King Street finally became merged in Urmston Lane. At the north end of the village Derbyshire Lane ran westwardly from Watling Street to Lostock Lane, and Derbyshire Lane itself was intersected mid-way by Pinnington Lane, running northwardly from the village to Derbyshire Lane, whence it ran forward as Moss Lane to Taylor's bridge across the Bridgewater Canal, near the Water Meetings.

The former importance of the ford or bridge over the Mersey at Stretford is indicated by the number of lanes or roads which converged, as above described, towards the Old Cock Inn.

The *Kenion MSS.* allege, in a grossly inaccurate manner, that "Roger de Poitou, Earl of Lancaster (?), prudently stationed his barons in the most vulnerable places, to preserve his earldom in quiet. Opposite a high ford, or boat, called Holyn Fare Passage, [at least six miles west of Stretford], out of Cheshire to Straitford, as well as to keep guard against another Cheshire baron called Stokeport, he placed Albertus Grelle, an eminent baron," [who was baron of Manchester, and had little or nothing to do with Stretford.]—(Harland's *Mamecestre*, vol. i. p. 34, Chetham Society, vol. liii.)

Chester Road, or Watling Street, ran north-eastwardly, and to the east a lane led off to Back Lane in the direction of Chorlton, Hardy, Didsbury, and Stockport. Toad Lane,¹ otherwise Toward Lane, also connected Watling Street with Back Lane. To the left, or west, branched Higgin Lane to Urmston Lane, leading to Urmston, Flixton, Barton, Eccles, &c.

¹ There was a Toad Lane in Manchester and another in Rochdale.

The junction of King Street and Chester Road was known as "The Cross," and took its name from a cross which formerly stood in the centre of the road, with the stocks at the foot on the side nearest Manchester, as shown in the Trafford Tenancy Survey made in 1782.

By whom this cross was erected is unknown, but when Mr. Bailey wrote in 1878 he recorded that fragments of the pious memorial were yet to be found at the corner of Moore Street,¹ and that the socket itself was preserved in the old graveyard. The following inscription is cut on the socket: "1868. This stone, the remains of Stretford Cross, was placed in the old churchyard of Stretford, with the consent of the Rector, Dudley Hart, M.A., and the Wardens, John Wreaks and William Kaye, by the Local Board of Health, established in Stretford, 1868. John Wright, first Chairman."

In the Parish Register James Hampson of y^e Cross is mentioned in 1755.

With regard to the ford at Trafford, a very questionable tradition asserts that a branch of the Roman road crossed the Irwell there, and proceeded towards Blackrod. Of such a road there is no trace. It is, however, more inherently probable that if there was a ford and road on the Salford side it accommodated those who desired to pass by Ordsal and Ordsal Lane to the ancient town, now borough, of Salford, to which too little importance has been attached, notwithstanding that it stood as sponsor for the great Salford Hundred while Manchester was in its infancy.

Various conjectures have been hazarded as to the meaning of the name Trafford. Some attribute to it the hybrid and improbable etymology of Welsh *tref*, an abode, and Saxon *ford*;

¹ Moore Street takes its name from James Moore of Stretford, plumber and glazier, who in October, 1804, took a lease of land from John Trafford, Esq., and formed the street, with the Wheat Sheaf on the east. The property comprised in the lease was described as part of premises known as Andrew's, or Morris's, and occupied by Mary Pixton of Manchester, widow. Mr. Crowther's house and barn were on the west side of the land so leased to James Moore.

others think it may have signified the tree [or timber] ford, which is plausible and more possible; and another guess is that it was originally Trat-ford, the tread or stepping stones ford. The epithet "Old" is of comparatively recent application, and there seems little doubt¹ that it was not used until the Trafford family left their old home, now called The Moat, or Trafford Old Hall, near Throstle Nest, and took up their abode at Wickleswick Hall, now enlarged and made still more important, and known as Trafford Hall.

The name Trafford is easily pronounced by careless provincial speakers either Trayford or Trofford. Leland gives the name as "Traiford" about 1533, and in 1548 the same word was spelt "Trogheford" in the Will of "Thomas Trogheforde of Brigge Trogheforde, in the County of Chester, gentleman, sonne and heyre of Christofer Trogheforde, deceased." (*Lancashire and Cheshire Wills*, Record Society, vol. xxx. p. 84.) It is also said

¹ Another attempted etymology of the name is "Three-ford," as shown in *The Golden Mirrour*, written not later than 1587, by Richard Robinson of Alton (Chetham Society, vol. xxiii. p. 24), which contains "Verses formed vpon the Etimologie of the name of the right Worshipfull Sir Edmond Traffard of Traffard in the County of Lancaster Knight."

The Verses are twelve six-lined stanzas, and the initial letters of the first eight stanzas spell SIR EDMOD. The initials of the lines in the ninth and tenth stanzas include those which spell Traffard, but in the order A T A R F F A A R B D L, and the initials of the lines in the eleventh stanza spell KNIGHTT, the whole thus forming SIR EDMO'D T A R F F A A R D K N I G H T T.

The twelfth stanza then begins :—

"Now rise, quoth she, and turn thy face towards the Ocean Sea,
A *triple foorded* river shall direct thy ready way :
Where thou shalt finde *Antiquitie*, the maker of the place,
Whose name hath been *Tyme out of mynde*, before the Conquest was."

From these last two lines, as here italicised, it might be inferred that the place was called "*Old Trafford*" in 1587, perhaps to distinguish it from the Cheshire Traffords.

The initials of this twelfth stanza, and of part of the final stanza, which has only four lines, spell N A W W T A S S, resembling the Trafford motto NOW THUS. The Verses conclude :—

"Beseeching God, with Nestor's age, your Worship may increase,
With health, and wealth, and Newe Yeare's ioy, and so my pen doth sease."

that the Traffords of (Old) Trafford spelt their name Troughford in their signatures to old deeds, and that the name is descriptive of the depth of the bed of the river at Throstle Nest. It is also erroneously alleged that "in Domesday Book¹ the name is called Trayford." (*Manchester City News*, N. & Q., vol. i. p. 162.) In 1878 "E. K." states that at Throstle Nest he met a man advanced in years, who evidently had a good knowledge of the locality, and who informed "E. K." that prior to the river being made navigable there were stepping or hiping stones in the stream at the ford, and that being so, the A. S. word *tred*, a step, might be applied.—(*Op. cit.*, vol. i. p. 199.)

A possible etymology for the word Trafford would be the Welsh *Trev*, joint family, *Ffordd*, way or road, signifying the chief or tribal dwelling place on the road. It is highly probable that there was an ancient British trackway from Chester to Manchester, passing through the Northwich salt district, long before the Romans came to Britain, and that the Romans improved it. With regard to a preference for *ffordd*, a way, over *ford*, a river crossing, it is remarkable that old maps do not show any road except the towing path on the opposite, or Salford, side of the river, leading to or from Throstle Nest, and the idea of a ford having been there may be altogether erroneous. The Saxon word *ford*, however, appears more probable than Welsh *ffordd*, owing to the adjacent *Salford*, *Stretford*, *Crossford*,² and *Longford*.

¹ Old Trafford is not named in Domesday, but the three Cheshire Traffords (Bridge-, Mickle-, and Wimbold's-) are named, and Trafford is there spelt Troford, Troford, and Traftord.—(Helsby's *Ormerod's Cheshire*, vol. ii. pp. 34, 43, 811.)

² There was obviously a ford before there was any ferry or bridge at Crossford, but the term Cross Ferry can be traced back to the year 1367. Randle Blundeville, Earl of Chester, *temp.* Richard I., granted the passage of the river Mersey from Thelwall (about three and a half miles E.S.E. from Warrington), down to Runcorn, to Hugh Boydell of Dodleston, Lord of the Manor of Lachford, near Warrington, and in 40 Edward III. (1367), Edward the Black Prince, as Earl of Chester, appointed Commissioners to arrest all persons who made passage across the Mersey by boats between Runcorn and Crossferry (inter Runcorne et Crosse Ferry), and to commit them to Chester Castle, there to remain during the Earl's pleasure. This order evidently has

As to *trev* being part of the name, a comparison may be made with Trayford or Trefort in Sussex, which was spelt Treverde in Domesday. (Lewis, *Ancient Laws of Wales*, 1892, p. 517.) This Trayford lies wide of any Roman road or a river. In Welsh, tref-gordd means a hamlet or habitation of a trev or tribe. Nearer Wales than Stretford there are three Traffords, namely Bridge-, Mickle-, and Wimbolds-Trafford, situate four and a half miles north-east by north, three and a half miles north-east, and six miles north-east by north from Chester. Of these the first two are only a mile apart on the Roman road from Chester to Warrington, but Wimbolds-Trafford lies away from that road. Helsby's *Ormerod's Cheshire* states that three townships of the name of Trafford are described in Domesday, two of these are surveyed in the Hundred of Roelau, of which one belonged to the Earl and the other to the Church. The former appears to be Wimbolds-Trafford "Ipse Comes tenet Troford" (vol. ii. p. 34); the latter was probably Bridge-Trafford, "Ipsa Ecclesia tenuit et tenet Troford" (vol. ii. p. 43); Mickle-Trafford was in Wilaveston, or Wirral, Hundred "Ipse Comes tenet Traford" (vol. ii. p. 283).

One of Mr. Harland's suggestions is that the name might be a departure from Treow-ford, and as A. S. "eo" in some words has become "a," Treow-ford became Traw-ford and Trafford, and the name might mean the ford by the wood.—(*Manchester City News*, N. & Q., vol. ii. p. 179.)

The wood was the wooded ridge through which the road to the ford ran, and formed part of the wood which surrounded Trafford Old Hall as its park before that section of the high road lying between the Cornbrook, Hulme, and the turn at Throstle Nest was cut. In 1879 Mr. James Bury stated that the old road to Chester turned at Cornbrook down past what were once the Pomona Gardens, across the meadows bordering

reference to some encroachment on the privileges granted to the Boydells.—(Ormerod's *Cheshire*, 1819, vol. i. p. 447 and *note d*; Helsby's Edition, 1882, vol. i. p. 604 and *note*.)

the Irwell, and at Throstle Nest bent away from the river through the wood to the high road, and that he had often in his boyhood gone to Trafford Park by that road (which had been then superseded as a high road), and seen the wood-clothed slope then overlooking the meadows. He also alleged that frequently in the wood at Throstle Nest corner the mail coach to Chester was in olden times stopped by highwaymen, and the passengers robbed.—(*Manchester City News*, N. & Q., vol. ii. p. 183.)

This wood was opposite the Asylums for the blind and deaf and dumb, and was called Fazak's, after the Fazakerlys, by whom the land thereabouts was occupied. The wood was cleared away about the time when the old road was diverted from running alongside the river and through Pomona Gardens. (Grindon's *Manchester Banks*, cap. x.)

On November 8, 1803, Thomas Aldred of Urmston was shot dead and robbed about eight o'clock in the evening on the road near Throstle Nest on his way back from Manchester, where he had collected about £800, which, however, he had deposited in a bank.—(Langton's *Hist. of Flixton*, p. 130.)

John Whitaker in his *History of Manchester* (1771, vol. i. p. 154) claims that the Roman road to Blackrod started from the road to Kinderton [that is Watling Street or Chester Road] and at Throstle Nest turned away to the right [north-westwardly] and there forded the Irwell at the shallow which originally gave denomination to the neighbouring Traf-ford, and which had then lately been destroyed by the commissioners of the navigation. This road, on the Salford side of the river, he says was even in part the customary road into Manchester as late as the (then) present century. [Of this supposed road no traces have been found, but there was a road from Campfield across the Irwell at Woden's Ford to Hope Hall.—(*Vide Watkin's Roman Lancashire*, p. 38.)]

The Navigation Company were bound to substitute for the ford a free ferry, but the ferryman regularly charged a fee of one penny in spite of a protest from the Salford Corporation.—(*Manchester City News*, N. & Q., vol. ii. p. 129.)

In 1632 Humphrey Ryle occupied a cottage near Wickleswick Hall, where apparently there was a ferry, inasmuch as there was a boat in Ryle's occupation, and "a water passage attachment and all advantages to s^d Boat belonging or payable."—(See *Appendix* to vol. iii., Deed No. 68.)

MERSEY AND IRWELL NAVIGATION.

In 1712 Thomas Steers of Liverpool, by order of certain gentlemen of Manchester, surveyed and made "a Map of the Rivers Mersey and Irwell from Bank-Key [at Warrington] to Manchester, with an account of the rising of the water, and how many locks it will require to make it navigable." (*Palatine Note Book*, vol. iii. p. 146.)¹ In 1720 the first Act for the Mersey and Irwell Navigation was passed, followed by another in 1737, and by a third in 1794. (*Manchester City News*, N. & Q., vol. vii. p. 139.) The work was executed under the Act of 1720, and by 1721 the river was made navigable for vessels of fifty tons. In 1815 it was calculated that nearly 100,000 tons were carried from Liverpool to Manchester in one year by the Navigation (Gregson's *Fragments*, by Harland, p. 180); and in 1804 Aston's *Manchester Guide*, p. 282, remarks, "as a proof of the astonishing increase of the trade of Manchester, forty years ago [1764] only eight flats were employed in the trade between Manchester and Liverpool. At this time [1804], besides lighters on the canal, upwards of one hundred and twenty are employed in the trade."

MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL.

The Manchester Ship Canal was informally opened on January 1, 1894, and was formally opened by Her Majesty the

¹ A *facsimile* of this map appeared in the *Salford Chronicle*, January 25, 1890, and showed eight locks from Warrington upwards to Manchester, of which the sixth was to be at Barton, the seventh at Mode Wheel, and the eighth at Throstle Nest. It also showed that the river between Manchester, near Blackfriars Bridge, and Mode Wheel, a distance of about three miles, had a fall of four feet five inches, or eighteen inches per mile only.

Queen on May 21 of the same year. It superseded the Mersey and Irwell Navigation. The history of this greater and later undertaking is as follows :—

In 1825 a Bill was rejected, on Parliamentary Standing Orders, by which power was sought to cut a canal from the estuary of the Dee, near Parkgate in Wirral, Cheshire, past Frodsham, Lymm, and Timperley, to Manchester. The idea then lay in abeyance till April, 1877, when Mr. George Hicks, of Manchester, and Mr. Hamilton H. Fulton, C.E., of London, brought before the Manchester Chamber of Commerce a scheme for tidal navigation between Manchester and the Mersey estuary at Runcorn. The Chamber passed a somewhat vague but commendatory resolution, and at the end of 1881 there was much newspaper correspondence on the subject, followed in May, 1882, by a pamphlet by Mr. James W. Harvey of Manchester, entitled "Facts and Figures in Favour of a Tidal Navigation to Manchester." Mr. Daniel Adamson thereupon convened a meeting of representative men at his house in Didsbury, and a Provisional Committee was formed to consider the subject, and raise a guarantee fund for preliminary expenses. Mr. E. Leader Williams was engaged to report upon the scheme, and pronounced a tidal way impracticable, and proposed to bring the tide to a point near Warrington, and that there should be locks from there to Manchester.

This was the scheme ultimately adopted, and carried out after enormous expense and strenuous opposition.

A good account of the vicissitudes of the movement and its achievement is given, with views, in the fifth volume of *Manchester Faces and Places* (pp. 49-77), from which the above notes are taken.

BRIDGWATER CANAL.

On June 17, 1761, the canal from Worsley to Manchester was opened, on its completion by the Duke of Bridgwater and his engineer Brindley, under an Act obtained in 1760 (33 George II.,

cap. 2), which had been preceded in the previous year by an Act (32 George II., cap 2) which authorised the Duke to cut a navigable canal from Worsley to Salford and to Hollins Ferry. Barton Aqueduct was commenced in September, 1760, only nine months before the canal was opened.

The Duke next projected a branch canal from "The Waters Meeting" near Longford Bridge in Stretford, across the Mersey above Crosford Bridge, and so by Lymm to Runcorn, with a view of making to Liverpool a shorter, cheaper, and more certain route than was offered by the Navigation Company of the Mersey and Irwell. The construction of this canal was an even greater feat than the Worsley Canal, for there was a formidable obstacle in the crossing of the wide stretch of lowlying meadows of the Mersey between Stretford and Sale, forming part of what was then known as Sale-moor moss, and in addition there was the difficulty of a great descent to the river level at Runcorn.

From Smiles's *Lives of the Engineers*, 1861, we learn (p. 354) that the embankments formed across the low grounds on either side of the Barton aqueduct were considered very formidable works. It was supposed at first that the water would soak through the bank, which its weight would soon burst, and wash away all before it. But Brindley had learned something of the powers of clay-puddle to resist the passage of water.

Not the least difficult part of the undertaking was the formation of the canal across Trafford moss, where the weight of the embankment pressed down and "blew up" the soft oozy stuff on either side. The difficulty was again overcome by the engineer's specific of clay-puddle. The rest of the canal between Longford and Manchester, being mostly on sidelong ground, was cut down on the upper side and embanked up on the other by means of the excavated earth.

A matter of greater difficulty was to accommodate the streams which flowed across the course of the canal. The Cornbrook was found too high to pass under the canal at its natural level. Brindley contrived a weir, over which the stream fell into a large

basin, from whence it flowed into a smaller one open at the bottom. From this point a culvert, constructed under the bed of the canal, carried the waters to a well on the further side, where they rose up to their natural level, and flowed away in their proper channel.

A vast quantity of masonry was necessary for building aqueducts, bridges, &c., and the want of lime was felt severely. At last Brindley met with a substance of a chalky nature, lime marl, which was found along the sides of the canal about a foot below the surface. He tempered that earth in the nature of brickearth, cast it into moulds, and burnt it readily into excellent lime of strong hydraulic properties.

Brindley's nervous excitement was so great on the occasion of the letting of the water into the canal that he took to his bed at the Wheat Sheaf in Stretford, and lay there till all cause for apprehension was over (p. 360).

An account of Brindley's "expenses in surveying from Longford Bridge to Dunham," is preserved at the Bridgewater Canal Office at Manchester :—

Oct ^r 21 st , 1760. Spent at Stretford	-	-	-	0	6
At Altringham all Night	-	-	-	6	0
Gave the men to drink that assisted				1	0
22 nd . More at Altringham	-	-	-	2	6
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Pd. Mr. Brinley this	-	-	-	10	0

(p. 262, Note).

On December 10th, 1761, we find him at Stretford "to count the caridgos," and on the 12th he was at Manchester for the same purpose, "counting the loded caridgos and horses" (p. 368).

From Longford Bridge, where the new works commenced, the canal, which was originally about eight yards wide and four feet deep, was carried upon an embankment of about a mile in extent, across the valley of the Mersey.¹ Brindley had the stuff required

¹ The masons' marks on the stones of Stretford Aqueduct, otherwise called Cuthole Bridge, were the subject of an illustrated paper by Mr. Nathan Heywood, published



CUT-HOLE BRIDGE.



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EYE PLATT NEW BRIDGE.

to make up the embankment brought in boats partly from Worsley and partly from other parts of the canal where the cutting was in excess. The boats filled with this stuff were conducted into caissons, or cisterns, placed at the point over which the earth and clay had to be deposited. The boats being double, fixed within two feet of each other, had a triangular trough supported between them of sufficient capacity to contain about seventeen tons of earth. The bottom of this trough consisted of a line of trap-doors, which flew open at once on a pin being drawn, and discharged their whole burthen into the bed of the canal in an instant. Thus the level of the embankment was raised to the point necessary to enable the canal to be carried forward to the next length (p. 382, and diagram, p. 205).

On November 10th, 1763, Brindley entered in his note book, "After noon settled about the size of the arch over the river Marsee to be 66 foot span and rise 16.4 feet." Next day, "Mr. Gilbert (the Duke's agent) sade ye 20 Tun Boat should be at ye water mitang by 7 oclock the next morn," and next morning he was on the works at Cornhill [by Stretford Cemetery] setting "a carpenter to make scrwos," and superintending the gravelling of the towing path (p. 387).

"Thursday, 17 Novr, past 7 oclock at night M. Gilbert and sun Tom caled on me at Gooshill and I went with them to ye Coik, tha stade all night and the[y] had balk . . . bill of parsill. 18 Fryday November 7 morn I went to the Cock and Bruckfast with Gilberts he in davred to imploye ye carpenters at Cornhill in making door and window frames for a Building in Castle field and shades for the mynors in Dito and other things. I want them to Saill moor. Hee took upon him diriction of ye back drains and likewise such Lands as be twixt the 2 hous and ceep

in vol. xiii. of the Lanc. and Ches. Antiq. Soc. (pp. 70-73). It is there erroneously stated that the three arches of the aqueduct were built in 1812, but they are plainly shown on Thomas Rogers's Survey of the locality on the occasion of the river bank breaking in 1799. This interesting Survey is amongst Mr. J. E. Bailey's *Stretford Collectanea* at the Chetham Library, Manchester.

(keep on the) uper side the large farme, and was displeysed with such raiing (range, or line) as I had pointed out."

The caissons, with the smiths' forges and carpenters' and masons' workshops upon them, were all floated on the canal, and followed its progress from place to place.

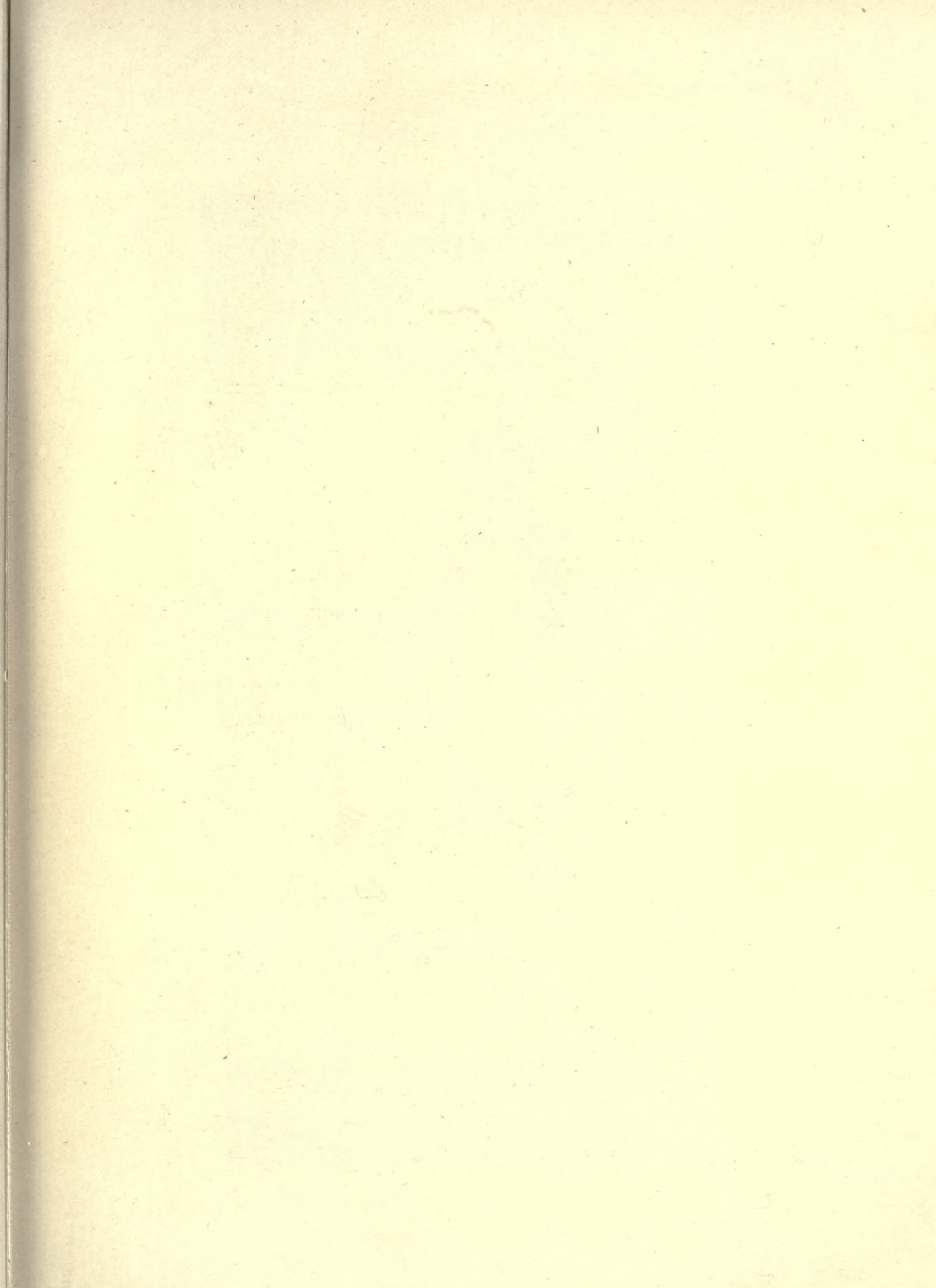
During the construction of the canal near Stretford, Brindley lodged at a cottage at the top of Pennington Lane, occupied in 1878 by James Johnson, who was a descendant of the man who lived there in 1765.

A writer in *S. James's Chronicle*, 1765, says he visited Stretford on June 30th, and found that though it was Sunday, four hundred men were at work finishing two hundred yards of the canal, which then reached nearly to the Mersey, where two thousand oak piles had been driven in the earth to strengthen the foundations of the bridge, which goes by the name of Barfoot-hough (or hoof) bridge.¹ The writer adds "I surveyed the Duke's men for two hours, and think the industry of bees, or labour of ants, is not to be compared with them. Each man's work seemed to depend and be connected with his neighbour's, and the whole posse appeared as, I conceive, did that of the Tyrians, when they wanted houses to put their heads in, and were building Carthage."

By the Act obtained for making the canal the rights of the public and of the property owners were zealously guarded: no corn mills were to be erected on the canal or towing path; the Duke was to keep the bridges in repair, and tolls on the traffic were to be paid at Longford Bridge. There, in 1763, coals were sold at 3½*d.* per hundred and twenty pounds.

The two canals are further described in "*The History of Inland*

¹ The name denotes a ford which used at that point to give access to part of Stretford township, on the Cheshire side of the river. One of the fields by the bridge is called Barfoot-hough Dole, indicating a former "Common" field, and some of the Doles are indicated on Thomas Rogers's Plan showing the breach in the river bank in 1799. In 1602 Sir Robert Lovell had recently died, owning land at Barefoot Haulf and Turvemosse.—(See also "Manorial Records" in vol. ii., and Deed No. 10 in the *Appendix*, vol. iii. *post.*)



Neposquam Dux Absidit Rudens, Varano dissociabili Terras, &c.



*Nobis Francis Egerton Duke of Bridgewater
and Marquis of Brackley
Painted by Sir J. Smith
Engraved by W. B. & C.*

Navigation, particularly that of the Duke of Bridgwater, illustrated with geographical plans, shewing the Counties, Townships, and Villages, through which these Navigations are carried, or intended to be. The whole shewing the Utility and Importance of Inland Navigation." Three editions of this little work are in the Manchester Free Library. The third edition was published at London in 1779. The first map in it shows an intended branch canal from Sale to Stockport (which was never made), besides a view of the aqueduct at Barton across the Irwell, with large sailing barges drawn easily by horses along the canal, and small boats sailing down the Irwell and dragged painfully by teams of two men each. To the left, a covered carriage is coming along the Liverpool Road, which passes beneath the canal, and on the right a horseman is riding down the trench or cutting of the road on the other side of the river, leading to Barton Corn Mill, belonging to the Traffords. This view is very similar to that which appears in the fine engraved portrait of the young Duke of Bridgwater, which is found in the somewhat similar book called "*The Advantages of Inland Navigation*, or some observations offered to the public to show that an Inland Navigation may be easily effected between the three great ports of Bristol, Liverpool, and Hull." By R. Whitworth, London, 1776. A copy is in the Manchester Free Library. In this plate the barges on the aqueduct are quickly towed by one horse each, and have no sails, but those on the river below are being slowly towed up stream by teams of three men each, with the help of sails. On a hill to the left behind the Duke there is a dark cavern, intended for the entrance to his coal mines at Worsley, with the words "*Perrupit Acheronta Herculeus Labor*," Herculean effort made a way over Acheron (the river of the dead), in double allusion to the subterranean canals into the coal mines, and the half defunct Irwell Navigation, over which the new canal passed.¹

¹ In 1867 the writer "sailed" with a companion, from Irlam to Throstle Nest, in the swift Packet-boat drawn by two horses. In places, skill begotten of long experience was required to avoid the rather numerous shoals, which were revealed by the "wash"

THE MERSEY EMBANKMENTS.

The embankments along the river Mersey are so large as to invite enquiry as to their history, and yet singularly enough very little is known for certain as to the time when the work was undertaken.

A glance at any large scale ordnance map will show that within historical times the river course has altered from time to time, so that fragments of Lancashire and Cheshire are now on their "wrong" sides of the river. The law provides that a gradual wearing away or accretion is the loss or gain of the owner of the land worn away or increased, but it is otherwise in the case of a sudden deviation. Before the river was embanked the water would have no difficulty in scouring out for itself new channels in the soft alluvial swamps on each side which form the river trough. This would result in the formation of islands, which remained the property of the individual who owned the land before the island was severed. In other cases the river not merely divided and formed an island, but abandoned its old channel and permanently adopted a new one, so that the old channel gradually silted up, and the island became joined to the other bank. The ownership of the land was, however, not affected by such an occurrence, so that we find close to the south-eastern end of the township a piece of Lancashire at "Jackson's Boat" on the Cheshire side. Both ends of the Barfoot canal bridge were likewise in Lancashire, a circumstance which possibly decided the line taken by the canal, and at Crosford Bridge the old tollbar house was in Lancashire, but on the Cheshire side of the river.

It is most probable that the embankment of the river is of very ancient date, and was accomplished gradually, and that the material was taken from the sides of the river channel. The

of the boat, but the voyage was without mishap save for a collision with one of the many very dead dogs, which, with the help of the sewer-like smells in the locks, caused the companion to suffer from *mal de merde* before reaching Throstle Nest.

Stretford Manor Court Records from 1700 onwards frequently mention the raising, thickening, and mending the banks, while the name Wall roads for a field adjoining the river in Stretford, close to the overflow weir, is traceable as far back as 1588.

In the adjoining township of Urmston, at the Halmot, on October 5, 1614, amongst the officers appointed were both "Overseers of Watercourses" and "Banklookers" It was their duty to make presentments to the Court respecting any offences in their separate departments, and the Court roll or book has many instances where the same person is first fined for a watercourse or ditch being out of order, and subsequently, at the same Court, again fined for a "bank" out of repair.

These Urmston "Banks" were most probably embankments against floods, but it is nowhere expressly stated that they were so, and the word "raising," which would be fairly conclusive on the point, is not in any instance, in the Urmston volumes from 1613 to 1699, applied to a bank, but it occurs frequently in the Stretford volumes after 1700.

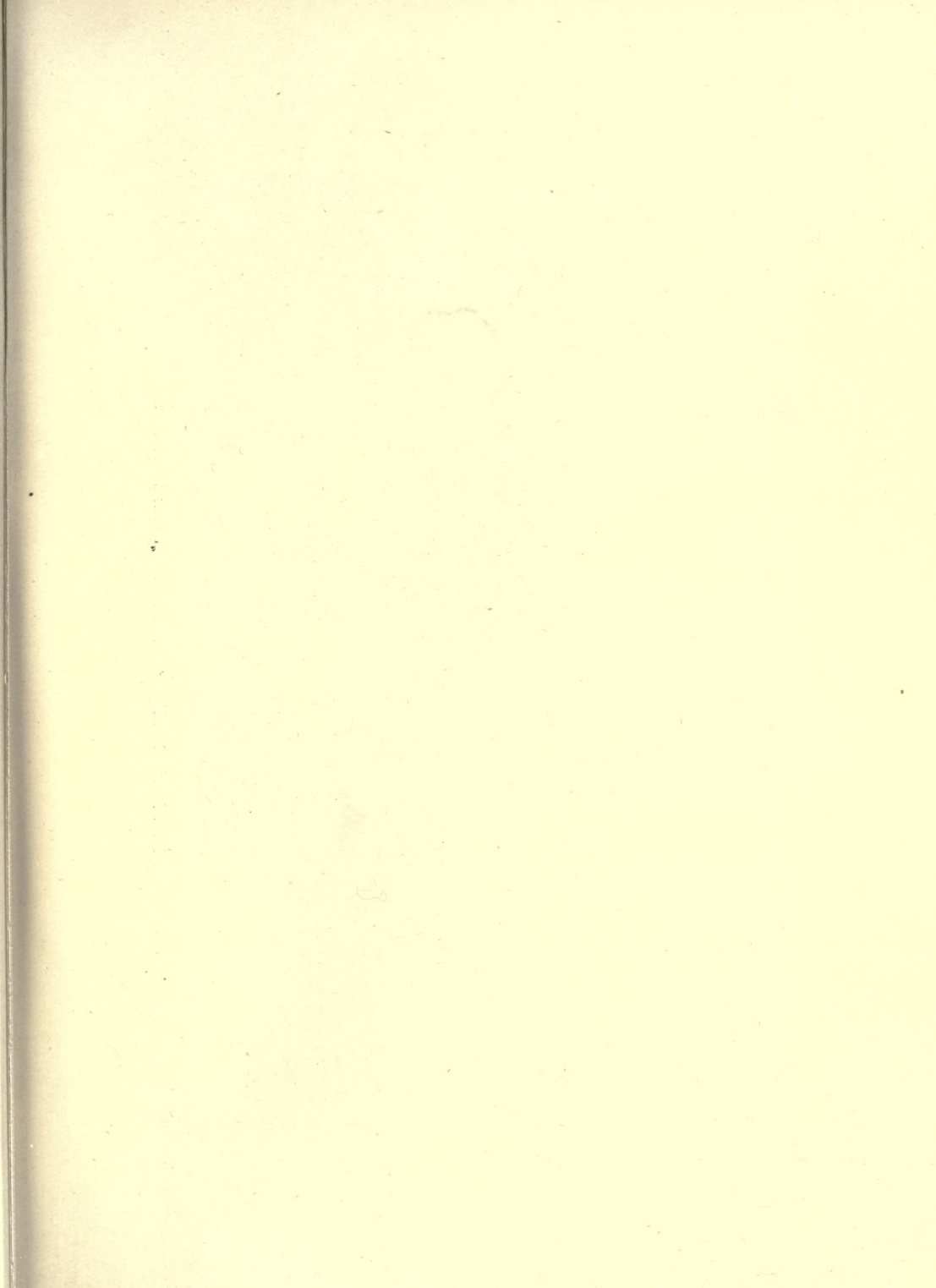
The words "breach" and "yord" occur, which are somewhat significant, though they might be applied to a state of the river bank independent of any artificial mound upon it. It was an offence to allow the land of the Lord of the Manor to be lost by ravages of the river, and "greaves of willows" were jealously preserved for the purpose of mending the banks. The banks were also styled "Waterbanks." Thus, at the Halmot on October 29, 1622, we find William Holland was "amerced in vjd" for "not keeping his bank in the Bight lawfull," and George Hayward was amerced in xijd "for not makeinge his waterbanke att the Doole mouth," and he was ordered to "make it lawful before the first day of March next sub pena iijs iiijd." A year later the wife of Thomas Heywood, and William Holland, were each fined iijs iiijd for not repairing the waterbank in the Bight, and in October, 1621, George Heawood had been fined xijd for "not making his yord in y^e Broads." The Bight was seemingly next the river Mersey adjoining Stretford, and the

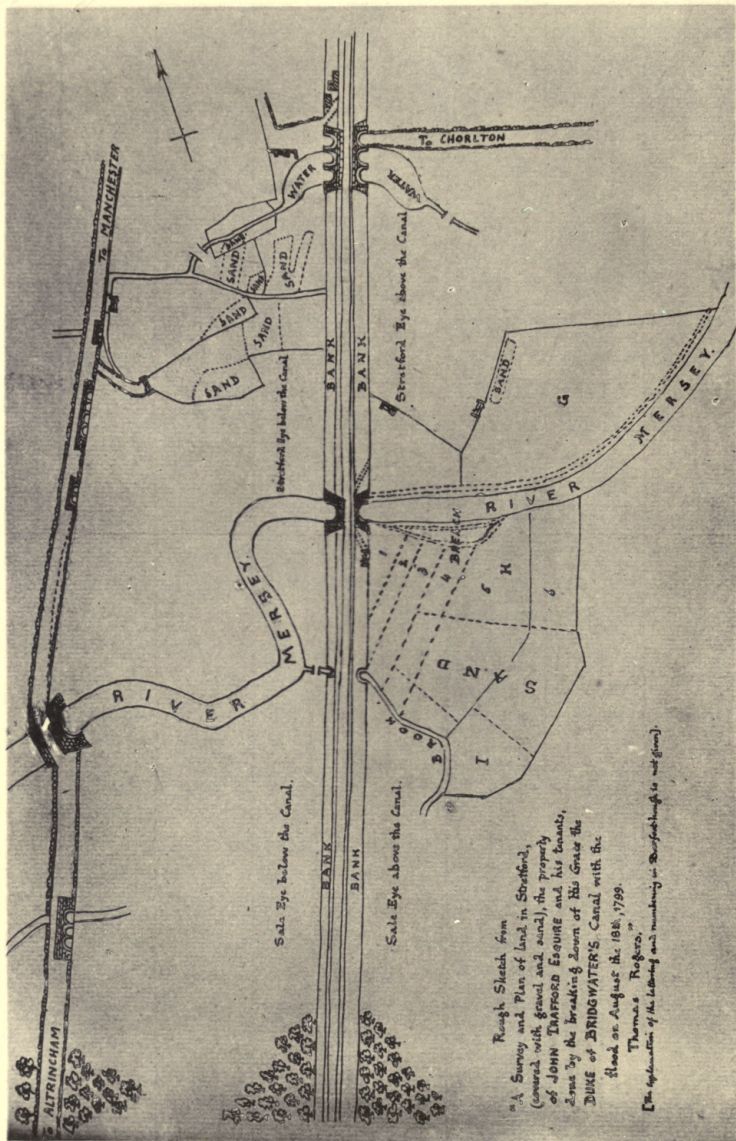
Ringyord, or fence and ditch, which extended from the river to what is now known as the Overflow river, was the subject of resolutions by the Urmston Halmot and of the Stretford Court Baron from time to time. The Bight was divided into doles or portions, and we therefore meet with descriptions such as "Renshaw's Bight." On April 25, 1625, William Holland was again fined iijs iiijd for not making his waterbank in the Bight, and was also ordered to "make his break and doole in the Bight before the xxxjth of Aprill next sub pena iijs iiijd," and to "make all the rest of the waterbank in the Bight sufficient before Whit Sundaie next sub pen vjs viijd." On April 25, 1626, a general order was made that "euerie one make sufficient and lawfull his waterbancks vppon warninge given vnder the paine of euerie default iijs iiijd.

The process of forming the embankments would be to throw up a mound on the surface of the adjoining land, at a distance of some yards from the edge of the channel, so as to leave a shelf on each side. This shelf afforded materials ready to hand, and involved no carting over soft land, for forming the embankment, and the excavation increased the width available for the rising water. When once the embankment was formed it was an easy matter to keep increasing the height as successive floods showed the need, and the river would in the course of time wear away the original shelf into a more or less uniformly sloping riverside.

At this stage of the history of the embankments the land had probably risen in value sufficiently to be worth the farmers' while to preserve the face of the slopes from further ravages by pegging down on them branches of trees, willows, thorns, and other brushwood. This is technically known in the neighbourhood as "yortin,"¹ and is popularly supposed to be connected with the word "earth," locally pronounced "yerth," because the brushwood encourages the deposit of earth amongst the twigs and branches. It is, however, quite as probable that the proper

¹ Also yottin' and yattin'.





MERSEY BREACH, 1799, FROM ROGERS'S SURVEY.

meaning is "yarding," and that the true etymon is "yard" (the old term for a "rod" or "stick"), which would more readily than "yerth" assume the broad sound of "yort." Holland's *Cheshire Glossary* (Engl. Dial. Soc., 1886), gives "grip-yard, grip-yawd, grip-yawt, piles driven into the banks of a stream and wound with twigs, generally of willow, to prevent the washing away of the soil. In old documents of the early part of the seventeenth century, belonging to the Corporation of Macclesfield, the word is spelt grippe-yotts. Also yort, yard; grave-yort, church-yort, stack-yort, grip-yort, &c." The footings of the slopes had also in some places to be protected by stone walling, and by closely driven piles; the latter method is described in the Court books as "wooding the foot."

In spite, however, of all the care which was taken, the banks at times failed, and the adjoining meadows were inundated. The result was a thick covering of rich alluvium, which was viewed rather as a blessing than otherwise by the farmers, for whose benefit sluice gates were formed at suitable points in the banks, in order that they might give these water meadows the advantage of a top-dressing of river sediment. These sluice gates were also of importance for relieving the artificial mounds of soil which formed the embankments from yielding to the pressure of water, when the soil, riddled with rat runs, became saturated, and for equalising the weight of water on each side, and allowing the water to drain off as the floods subsided.

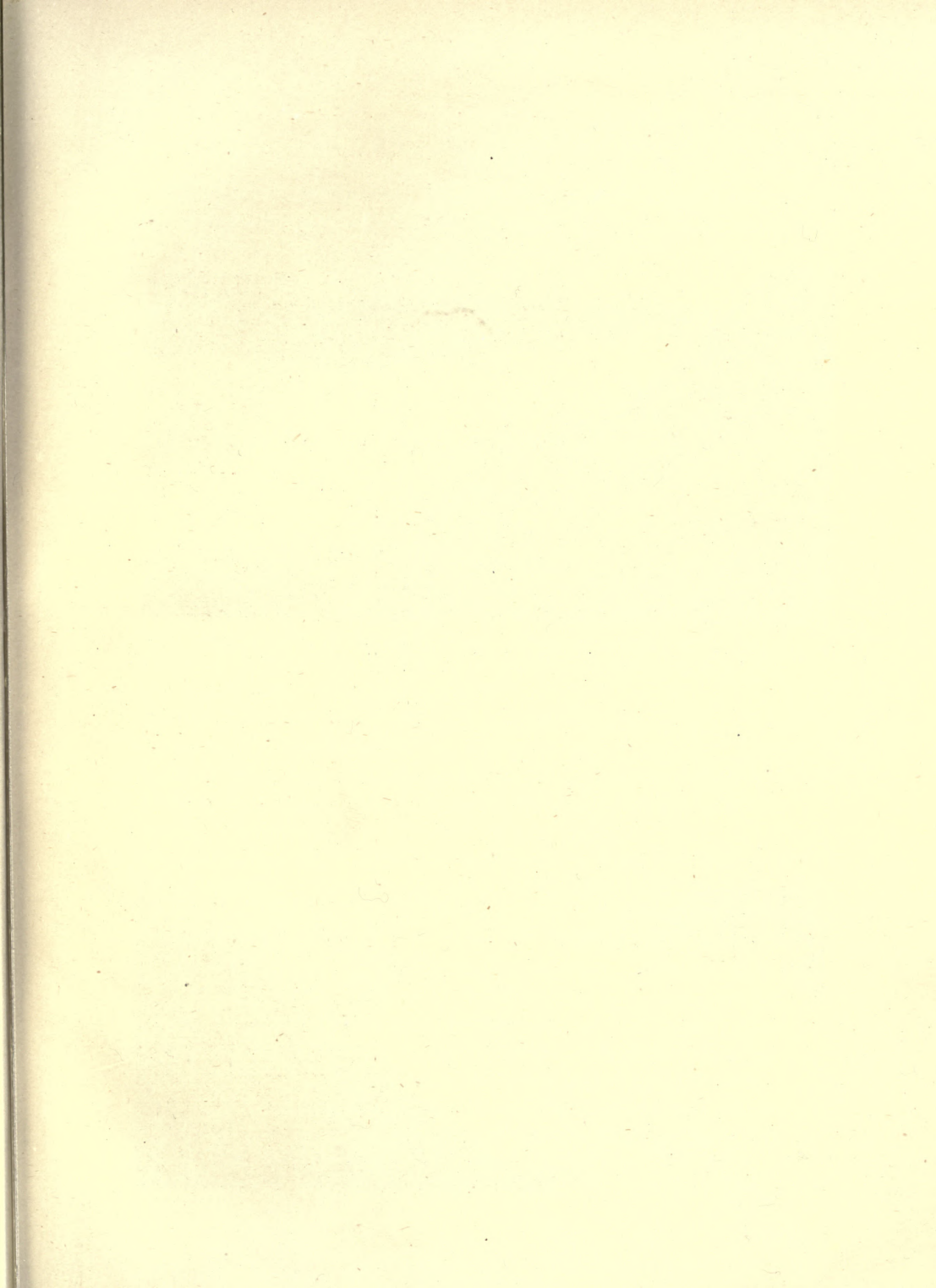
Mr. Fletcher Moss, in his *Didsbury* (Manchester, 1890, p. 69), notes that an old book, kept by one of the Didsbury parish clerks named Wood, mentions that in 1771 the lands between Gatley and Northenden, a few miles higher up the river than Stretford, were assessed at nine shillings an acre towards the cost of strengthening part of the banks there, and in 1767 other parts of the banks were raised and repaired. In 1840, when times were bad and work scarce, the local landowners joined together and made an assessment on their lands to raise funds, which enabled them to employ the poor all winter in raising the

banks. Probably the banks had been injured by the flood of August, 1840, which swept away the old overflow weir near the confluence of Chorlton brook, of which more hereafter.

The meadows themselves are termed in the vernacular "ees" or "eas," a word which originally signified waters. Nodal and Milner's *Lancashire Glossary* (1875) gives "Eä (N. and E. Lanc.), *sb.* a river, or channel of a river ; applied also to water generally. A.S. *éa*, water. Mæso-Goth. *ahwa*. Icel. *á*. The word *eá* occurs four times in the A.S. version of Genesis, ii. 11-14, where the authorised version has *river*."

In October, 1767, there was a flood in the Mersey at Stretford, and it carried away a bridge. On June 15, 1770, the *Mercury* newspaper contained an advertisement of a meeting of Commissioners at the Unicorn Inn, Altringham, to assess damages occasioned by a flood in 1768, damaging crops of farmers in Chorlton, the flood being alleged to have been caused by the insufficient size of the canal bridge at Barford Hough damming up the water.

On August 18th, 1799, a heavy flood in the river broke the bank on the Sale side, east of the railway bridge, as shown by Rogers's Plan, preserved in the Bailey collection at the Chetham Library. It is also alleged to have broken the bank on the Stretford side, at the point where Back Lane (otherwise Hawthorn Road) adjoins it, and where the river in its course downwards takes a sharp turn to the left, or south, below the junction with Chorlton brook. This covered with sand land belonging to John Trafford, Esq., in Barfoot and Stretford Eye, and caused fears to be entertained as to the safety of the then newly formed Bridgwater Canal (completed in 1765). In order to provide against any such catastrophe, the Canal Engineers devised a safety weir of stone to relieve the embankment against too great a weight of impounded water, and from the weir a new river channel was formed for about two miles, and is now under the care and control of the Manchester Ship Canal Company, who acquired the Bridgwater Canal undertaking.





BREACH IN THE RIVER BANK BELOW BARFOOT, 1892.



This weir lasted till 1840, when a summer flood swept it away. It was replaced by another, which bears the following inscription :

“ This Weir was begun
on the 16th April, 1841,
and was completed on the
24th day of September, 1841.
William Cubitt, F.R.S., *Engineer*.
John Tomkinson, Contractor,
who undertook to execute it on
the failure of a previous work,
which was swept away by a flood
of the River Mersey,
on the 17th of August, 1840.”

All danger of a breakage of the banks is, however, not removed by this weir, for in the spring of 1893 a flood caused the right bank to give way at the first bend below the canal bridge, and the flood waters tore a passage across the Chester Road, which was rendered for a time impassable.

John Ryle, a farmer at High Greave, Northenden, recorded in his diary : “ Upon the 30th of January, 1662, it was an extraordinary great flood. I was at Stockport, and Mercy water was so high that the water came up to the topp of Lanc-Cheshire bridge, at that on Lan-Cheshire side it filled the arch within about a foote or half a yard at the most. I durst not ride over the bridg at the schoolhouse, because I could see no pt of the battlement of that bridge.”—(*Stockport Advertiser*, N. & Q., 1882, p. 181.)

On the northerly side of Lancashire Bridge, Stockport, is inscribed : “ August 17th, 1799. This river was as high as the top of this stone.” The *Manchester Mercury*, of Tuesday, August 20th, 1799, says : “ This neighbourhood on Saturday last experienced the most severe storm of wind and rain ever remembered at this season of the year, commencing about two o'clock in the morning, and continuing without intermission the whole

day. . . . The devastation, especially upon the Mersey, is immense. There is scarcely a bridge remaining, from the rise of that river to its junction with the Tame. Many mills . . . have been swept away. Upon the Tame, Medlock, and Irk, many bridges and weirs have been washed away. At Cheadle two horses bringing a chaise to this town were lost.”—(*Stockport Advertiser*, N. & Q., 1881, p. 79.)

In 1828 a flood broke the banks near Barlow Hall, above Jackson's Boat on the Cheshire side, during hay harvest time, about six o'clock on a Sunday evening, while the farmers were busy leading the hay. The water rose so rapidly that the horses had to be taken out of the carts and a stampede made to the nearest high ground. The hay was drifted down and lodged against the banks, where men, women, and children assembled to rescue it, but before long the pressure on Bannister's Bank above Barfoot bridge caused the bank to give way, and the rush of impounded water nearly swept away the canal bridge. To save the bridge the nearest trees were cut and torn down and hurried to it. They were weighted with stones and secured by chains, and then sunk there, as well as boats laden with straw. From Sunday till Wednesday traffic along the road was almost impossible. George Lewis of Stretford, who had gone with his cart and horse to the Ouzel meadow for some hay was caught by the flood, and had to stay there until next day. Another Stretford man took refuge in a birch tree, and was rescued next day in a pork butcher's tunel, or scalding tub.

This catastrophe, which occurred on June 14, but erroneously stated to have been in July, 1828, resulted in an indictment against Thomas Joseph Trafford, Esquire, and others, who owned the embankments. The prosecution was for a nuisance, and was set in motion by the Duke of Bridgewater's Trustees. The case was lengthily reported in 1831, in the Reports of Barnewell and Adolphus (Rex *v.* Trafford, vol i. p. 874); and on appeal, in 1832 (Trafford *v.* The King), in Bingham's Reports, vol viii. p. 204. The indictment contained several counts, and the first count

stated that after the passing of an Act of 2 George III., namely in 1763, a canal was made, which by an aqueduct passed over the river Mersey, near the junction of a brook called Chorlton Brook, and that Mr. Trafford and the other defendants on January 1, 1770, and other days [this is probably a date assumed by the pleader, but see what has been noted (*ante*, p. 33) at Didsbury], raised mounds near the ancient banks of the river and brook, and near the aqueduct, so that at divers times water was forced against the aqueduct and its sides and foundations instead of flowing as it would otherwise have done over the banks of the river and brook, and by the means stated the aqueduct was injured and in danger of being broken down, to the nuisance of subjects using the canal and of the inhabitants and occupiers of the lands adjacent. The other counts were only special pleadings of the same facts. The case was tried at the Lancaster Summer Assizes in 1829, and some of the defendants were acquitted, while the jury found a special verdict as to the other defendants, stating that the canal extended for half a mile north and south across a vale, through which the river Mersey ran in a westerly direction, that the canal was on one level, raised by artificial embankments on each side through the whole half-mile, and crossed the river by an aqueduct of one arch (mentioned in the indictment) built at the same time as the canal. At 430 yards from the river towards the north the canal was supported by three arches [the Cuthole bridge] built at the same time as the canal, and on the south [or Cheshire] side it had two culverts 160 and 460 yards distant from the river, one made at the same time as the canal and the other in 1806. About 800 yards above the aqueduct the river was joined from the east by the Chorlton Brook, which was equal to one-tenth the capacity of the river at that point, and after the junction the river, which had before flowed northward, turned immediately to the west.

On each side of the river and brook there were artificial banks, called *fenders*, to prevent the water in times of flood overflowing

the adjacent lands. These fenders had from time to time been raised as occasion required by the proprietors and occupiers of the adjoining lands, and the fenders on the north side of the river were then [1829] three feet higher than they were twenty years before, and on the north side of the brook were two feet three inches higher than they were twenty years before. Before such raising the river water in flood times was frequently penned back up the brook, and ran over the north bank of the brook, inundating certain lands specified in the verdict, and so made its way to the three arches above mentioned. After passing those arches it flowed along a low tract of land until it fell into the river again at a place called "Ermston," two miles from the arches, inundating many hundred acres of land, throwing down hedges, and otherwise doing much mischief. No regular watercourse was ever kept open for the flood water. Since the river and brook banks were raised it had, however, taken one and the same course to the three arches, the whole of which were not necessary for any other purpose than the passage of the flood water, as one small arch would suffice for all other water there collected.

At times, since the canal was made, the river overflowed the banks above the brook junction, and inundated a tract of land on the south and west. By reason of the canal embankment, and for want of sufficient outlets underneath, the flood water had (and particularly in 1806) broken the south [or Cheshire] bank of the river, between the aqueduct and brook, and passed across the river and broken the north bank, and after inundating the adjoining land had flowed down to the three arches.

In 1806 the Bridgwater Trustees compensated the landowners on the north bank of the river, and since then had paid an annual rent or compensation for a piece of land on the south side which was on that occasion washed away, and had also from time to time repaired the south bank of the river and the fender thereon for fifty yards eastward from the canal. The verdict then described the particular fields and fenders of each defendant, and it appeared that every fender was much higher than the land on

the north [Lancashire side] of it, and that the fenders on the river and brook had been raised from time to time within the last six years (1822-1828) by each defendant severally, but not jointly. It described the levels of the land through which the flood water escaped to the three arches [of the Cuthole bridge] and the level of the river bed for some miles above the brook junction. The injuries in July, 1828, were stated, showing that the flood water broke the banks of river and canal, stopping the navigation along the latter. It was further stated that the improved drainage of the country higher up the river for many miles had occasioned a greater quantity of water to flow down the river to the aqueduct, which was, however, wide enough except in high floods. The raising of the fenders along the river and brook had caused a much greater quantity of water to flow to the aqueduct in high floods than was the case for several years after it was built, with the result that it was insufficient during high floods, and so endangered the canal. If the fenders, however, were lowered, many hundred acres would be inundated, and great injury would be done to the owners and occupiers, and the fenders were not raised more than sufficient to prevent such inundation.

When the case was argued in Michaelmas term, Wightman for the Crown pointed out that there appeared to have been no complaint by the adjoining land owners of any overflow till 1806, and it might therefore be assumed that the aqueduct and three arches had been calculated in 1763 to be sufficient for all the water that could then be contemplated.

The case was decided in the Court of King's Bench in January, 1831, and was further heard "in error" in the Exchequer Chamber in January, 1832, when the proceedings were reported in Bingham, vol. viii. p. 204. Chief Justice Tindal, in delivering judgment, pointed out that the special verdict gave no date whatever to the origin of the artificial banks called "fenders."

Neither the legal effect nor the ultimate result of all this litigation concern this History, and only the historical parts have been cited.

The most memorable floods in the Irwell are thus noted in Procter's *Memorials of Manchester Streets*, 1874, p. 7:—

- 1616. Extraordinary great flood. Men stood upon Salford Bridge, and ladled up water with a little piggin.—
(Hollingworth.)
- 1649. January. A great flood.
- 1767. October. Great flood.
- 1768. High floods.
- 1787. Great flood during seven days, which carried away a portion of Salford Bridge.
- 1799. August. Great floods which did much damage.
- 1804. High floods.
- 1816. January. Great flood ; water higher than in 1768.
- 1829. August. High floods.
- 1837. December. Very high flood ; water in New Bailey Street and Broughton Road ; cattle, furniture, and baby in cradle floated down the river.
- 1840. January. Great flood, did considerable damage.
- 1843. October. Temporary footbridge near the New Bailey washed down.
- 1852. High floods.
- 1866. November. Great flood ; water in Strangeways ; see Obelisk in Peel Park.
- 1870. High flood.

There have been within living memory many great floods in the Mersey, and an excellent record of them is to be found in Mr. Fletcher Moss's *Didsbury* (Manchester, 1890), pp. 70-2.

In 1722 there was a terrible inundation in Lancashire, doing damage which was assessed at £10,227, and a "Brief" was issued inviting contributions to relieve those who had suffered by the calamity. It is not, however, known whether the inhabitants of Stretford were affected by this flood. A great flood, however, came down the Mersey August 17th, 1799, respecting which Mr. Clarke notes in his *MS.* vol. "the river Mersey rose so high as not only to burst the banks but also to wash down a portion

of the aqueduct. When the water of the canal was added to the before enormous flood the Old Cock Inn was surrounded, and the water reached as far as the Smithy, or a little beyond the junction of Higgin Lane with the main road."

Another great flood was caused in the long winter of 1813-14, on the breaking up of the ice, which was washed down the river and damaged the banks. The biggest flood within living memory was that of Sunday, June 14, 1828. Others occurred in 1852, in August 1857, November 1866, July 1872, and in 1879.

STRETFORD, OR TRAFFORD, MOSS.

The inset "Map of the Country round Manchester from Actual Survey," in Laurent's Plan of Manchester, published in December, 1793, calls Trafford Old Hall "Old Trafford," and about two miles to the north-west names "Trafford H.," with a small enclosed "Park" to the south-west of it, bounded on the southerly side of the Park by "Trafford Heath," a small part of the Heath being cut off by the "Duke of Bridgewater's Canal."

This Heath or Moss was drained and brought into cultivation about 1793, under an Act 33 George III., cap. 58 "to enable John Trafford, Esquire, and other persons after his death, to grant leases of the estates, devised by the Will of the late Humphrey Trafford, Esq., June 5, 1779, in the Counties of Lancaster and Chester, for building, and also to grant leases of certain waste moss lands in the said Counties, other parts of the said devised estates."

The latter part of this Act was probably deemed necessary to override any rights of turbary belonging to the villagers and tenantry.

The Moss and its reclamation are thus described in Aikin's *Description of the Country round Manchester*, 1795,¹ p. 380:—

Trafford Moss lies on the south side of the river Irwell, and adjoins to the park of John Trafford of Trafford, Esq., the proprietor both of that and of much the greater part of Chat Moss.

The Duke of Bridgewater's Canal [from Barton to Waters Meeting] divides Trafford Moss into two unequal parts. In the

¹ Laurent's Map accompanies it.

year 1792 Mr. Wakefield agreed to undertake the improvement of these lands upon a lease for a long term of years. In the Session of 1793 an Act of Parliament was obtained enabling the proprietor to complete such agreement.

Mr. Wakefield having associated in his undertaking Mr. Wm. Roscoe of Liverpool, the drainage of Trafford Moss was begun by them in the same year, and the principal part of it is now intersected by drains at six yards distance from each other. These drains are cut to a depth of about three feet, and are eighteen inches wide. At the bottom a narrow or spit drain is formed, about six inches wide and eighteen inches deep, leaving a shoulder at the bottom of the wide drain to support the sod or turf with which the narrow or spit drain is covered. No material is used but the native sod.

These drains, it must be observed, ought not to be cut at one operation, as in such cases the sides will give way. They must be allowed time to harden, and drain off the water at every foot, or oftener, according to the nature and consistence of the Moss. This precaution is of the utmost importance.

When the sides of the drain are become sufficiently hard, a sod is placed over the spit drain, the wide drain is covered up, and the surface levelled for cultivation.

These small drains open into larger ones, at one hundred yards distance from each other, which also form the boundaries or fences of the intended fields, and by which the water is carried off to the extremity of the Moss, where it finds an uninterrupted course to the Irwell.

The next step to be taken is to improve the surface, which is done by introducing some extraneous substance, which being mingled with the moss, may assist its decomposition (the natural process of which, even when exposed to the air, is very slow), and may render it fit for the purposes of husbandry: calcareous substances of all kinds, and even sand, are also highly serviceable.

A fine bed of marl which lies about four feet under the surface at one end [N.E.] of Trafford Moss, affords an excellent article

for its improvement. [The pits out of which the marl was dug adjoin the northerly side of the canal.] The difficulty attending the conveying the marl over the Moss, which is yet too soft and spongy to bear a cart and horses, is obviated by the use of moveable cast iron roads, the direction of which is daily changed as the work proceeds, and over which the marl is conveyed in four-wheeled waggons, containing about six hundred-weight each. One horse, with great ease takes six of these waggons; by these means the weight of the marl, bearing on twenty-four wheels, is discharged at so many points, that the iron road is much lighter, and consequently less expensive, and more moveable than it would otherwise be.

This road is cast in bars six feet long, which join together, and rest on wooden sleepers or blocks; every bar weighs about thirty pounds.

In the year 1794, the undertakers made an experiment by planting with potatoes about ten acres of the native moss, after they had drained it, but before any marl had been introduced, the land being only manured with the common town soil of Manchester. Although the season was unfavourable, the vegetation was strong, and the crop equal to any in the neighbourhood. It is expected that in the present year [1795] upwards of one hundred acres of Trafford Moss will be in tillage.

From Deed No. 68 in the *Appendix* (vol. iii.) it will be seen that in 1632 three acres had been then recently improved from the Moss in Wickleswick, which formed a continuation of Trafford Moss, that sixty acres of waste or moss bounded Wickleswick Hall on one side and adjoined Wickleswick Moss on the other, while amongst the fields named were the Pitt field, the Higher and Low Marled Earth,^{*} and the Little and Great Burnd field, the Birchen Bank, the Birchen Holt (wood).

^{*} Mr. Higson, in his *History of Droylsden*, p. 73, says: Marl was generally applied to land at the back end of the year, at the rate of from five to eight cubic rods per acre, and was spread by the unloader, generally designated "Old Crow" or "Lord Crow," who cast it in spadefuls from the cart. After proper subjection to the

Besides the Trafford Moss near Trafford Hall there was formerly another Trafford Moss near Chorlton, but the exact position is not now known. It is just possible, but hardly probable, that it was another name for Turvemoss, off Edge Lane, but in that position Stretford Moss would be more likely to have been the name. It was more probably somewhere in the neighbourhood of Firs Farm, between that farm and Longford

"falling" processes of frost and rain, the mineral was ploughed into the earth. When the last spring corn had been sown, the festival of "marl shutting" or "marl guising" was annually celebrated. The marl, which contains carbonate of lime, was a cheap substitute for lime, which was very expensive, having to be fetched by pack horses from a distance. Most of the old pitsteads yet extant in the fields have been quarries whence marl has been obtained. In marling, the "gaffer" of the pit, who controlled the falls and excavations, was called "My Lord." Passers by were solicited to contribute to the "marl shutting," or feast, at the conclusion of their labours, and if an individual only gave a sixpence it was vauntingly proclaimed, accompanied by beating the drum, purposely kept at the pit, that "Mr. George Green, Esquire, had given 'a largesse of silver,' or 'a part of a thousand pounds.'" Harvest Homes were there termed "kurn shuttins" (corn quittings, or clearances), following the conclusion of reaping or wheat shearing. In Cheshire "shutting a pit" meant that the marlers had ceased to yoe (hew) marl out of the pit.

Legh's *Ballads and Songs of Cheshire* gives a Marlers' Song:—

We are the boys to fey a pit,
And then yoe good marl out of it,
For them who grow a good turmit.
(Last verse) When shut the pit, the labour o'er,
He whom we work for opes the door,
And gees to us of drink galore,
For this was always marlers' law.
Who whoop, who whoop, who-o-o-o-o.

Houghton, at the latter end of the seventeenth century, when urging the farmers of England to adopt marling, said: "I am told by a gentleman of Lancashire that they marl, and then plough twelve years together, then marl again, and plough for twelve years more, and so on *ad infinitum*." Adam Martindale, vicar of Rostherne, co. Chester, wrote for John Houghton's *Collection of Letters for the Improvement of Husbandry and Trade* (London, 1681-3, 2 vols., sm. 4to.), three letters, the first of which, on the Improvement of land by marling, appeared in vol. i. No. 6, May 18, 1682, pp. 55-9; the second, on the same subject, in vol. i. No. 11, December 16, 1682, pp. 120-6; and the third, on the Improvement of mossie land by burning and liming, in vol. ii. No. 4, December 11, 1683, pp. 95-6.

In his first letter Mr. Martindale says that sandy land is accounted the best for

Hall, which is nearer Trafford. In 16 Elizabeth (1574) Thomas Leighe of West Leigh, co. Chester, as owner of land in the manor of Chorlton occupied by a man named Butler, filed a Bill in the Lancashire Palatine Chancery (vol. 93, L. 6) against Edmund Trafford and Thomas Smyth, complaining that Smyth,

marling, mossie land pretty good, and clay land very bad, according to these old bald verses :—

He that marles sand may buy land ;
 He that marles moss should suffer no loss ;
 But he that marles clay flings all away.

In the second letter he describes five sorts of marle : (1) Cowshut marl, resembling in colour stock doves, which the vulgar in this country (of Cheshire) call cowshuts. (2) Stone or shale marl, being stones of soft grit, blew, red, or mixed, and in winter seasons, by dryness, perfectly dissolved. (3) Peat or delving marl, which is close, strong, and very fat or unctuous, and ordinarily digged up with spades, or rather shovels, and filled into carts with short pitchforks, made of purpose, with cuspes like spades. (4) Clay marl, of great affinity to clay. This sort is oft mixt with little stones, making it hard to get. (5) Steel marl, in the bottom of some pits, apt to break into little bodies almost cubical, like stones or cannell.

Preparing the pit consists of taking away the earth, gravel, or clay upon the head of the clod of marle, and *shooting the pace*, that is, making a broad way of a very easie ascent and descent for the convenience of fetching out the marle ; the former of these works is called usually *feying the marle*, and that which is removed *feigh*.

The workmen must be always four fillers, and so many Howers as will get them work enough ready for filling, ordinarily three, but sometimes four, five, or six. In peat marle instead of howers there must be diggers or, as they are usually called, delvers. These sorts have usually 14*d.* per diem, finding themselves all necessaries. There must be a setter in the field to appoint where every load is to be poured down, and to assist in it. If spread as it comes forth, at least two to set and spread, wages about 12*d.* per diem ; if spreading be deferred till winter, one man at 8*d.* per diem might suffice. Some marle requires also a carrier of water, to soften it for the workmen's shovels.

The carts for their dimensions within are about four feet and ten inches long, two feet and two or three inches wide, and fourteen inches deep, contrived with convenience to *koiv*, [Nodal and Milner's *Lancashire Glossary* "kayve"] as they call it, that is, pour out the load backward with great ease and expedition. [These tiny carts, with solid wheels and axle revolving with them, were hauled by three horses, and one horse reserved.] About eight or nine roods, of eight yards to the rood, is a convenient distance between cart and cart as they are going from the pit to the heaps and so back again. If things be well managed four fillers will send forth three hundred loads a day fairly filled, and at that rate in five days a large Cheshire acre of eight

as Trafford's tenant, had forcibly taken his carts down "Butler's Lane," and had been instigated and supported in so doing by Trafford's bailiff named Gexson. In his answer Trafford stated that he claimed a right of way along Butler's Lane to land of his own, and that the lane led to "Trafford Moss" in Trafford Manor. (Booker's *Didsbury and Chorlton*, Chet. Soc., vol. xlii. p. 247.)

yards to the rood or pole, which is about two and a ninth part statute acres, will be tolerably well set over. If one of these large acres can be marled for twelve pounds 'tis accounted pretty well.

In some parts of Lancashire they have used, and possibly still use, a sort of single carts called Tombrells, whereof each is drawn by one horse; in other places they used double carts drawn by two horses a piece. But now we generally employ such tripple [horsed] carts as I before described.

Some, when the strength of marl is worn out by long tillage, strengthen it with a new supply, but then they usually set it thin, which they call *skittering*.—(See also Lanc. and Ches. *Antiquarian Notes*, vol. ii. p. 41; *Agriculture in Lancashire*, "The Old Times," *Manchester Guardian*, February 7, 1880; Bradley's *Husbandry*, 1727.)

The learned Dr. Charles Leigh, in *The Natural History of Lancashire*, &c. (Oxford, 1700, p. 65), says: The morasses are made arable by draining and marling them, and bring then very good corn; they frequently pare off the tops of these with push-plows, which [tops] they amass together in small heaps, when they are dry they set them on fire, and by their alcalious [alkaline] ashes the ground is made very fertile, but will not continue so above three years; after that it is very barren.

CHAPTER II.

INCUMBENTS, ETC., OF STRETFORD.

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| 1326. William, <i>Clericus de Stretford.</i> | 1716, June. Samuel Bolton. |
| 1352. Robert <i>de Treford</i> , or <i>Strefford.</i> | 1716-7. Roger Masterson. |
| 1533. Christopher Raynshae, Rawnshawe, or Renshaw. | 1718, Jan. Robert Armistead. |
| 1546-57. Charles Gee. | 1721. John Jackson. |
| 1581, Jan. William Hodgkinson. | 1739. John Baldwin. |
| 1604, Nov. William James. | 1747, Aug. 3. John Baxter. |
| 1618. Richard Wylde. | 1766, Aug. 18. William Stopford. |
| 1619, Dec. 4. — Cheesman. | 1775. William Garnett, <i>curate.</i> |
| 1626, Oct. 30. Humphrey Tylecoate. | 1777, Jan. Thomas Seddon. |
| 1638, June. Robert Williams. | 1780. Miles Wrigley, <i>curate.</i> |
| 1641. Edmund Hopwood. | 1784. Samuel Virgin, „ |
| 1647, March. Hugh Newton. | 1790. James Kirkby, „ |
| 1649. John Odcroft, or Odcrofte. | 1792. G. Perkin. |
| 1651, May. Richard Benson. | 1796, July. Thomas Gaskell. |
| 1651, Dec. Arthur Francis. | 1818, Dec. 28. Robinson Elsdale. |
| 1653, Jan. — Nuttall. | 1837. James Cox, <i>curate.</i> |
| 1655, July. Jeremiah Scholes. | 1838. Walter Butler, „ |
| 1658, July. Edward Richardson. | 1839. Joseph Clarke, „ <i>and</i> |
| 1665. Francis Mosley. | <i>Locum Tenens.</i> |
| 1679, Sept. — Stockton. | 1850, Aug. 30. Joseph Clarke, |
| 1689. Peter Shaw. | <i>first Rector.</i> |
| 1706, Dec. John Collier. | 1860, Mar. Wm. Edward Brendon. |
| | 1864, Aug. Thomas Daniel Cox Morse. |
| | 1868, Mar. 10. Dudley Hart. |

<i>Assistant Curates.</i>		1888. Richard M. Leigh.
1857. Ralph Proud.		1891. W. J. Gardner.
1859. John Postlethwaite Airey.		1893. Charles E. Little.
1866. Robert Trousdale.		1896. Benjamin Davies.
1869. Thos. Dugdale Harland.		
1881. John Robert Gibson.	<i>Curates in Charge, All Saints.</i>	
1884. William Jas. Hill.	1885. Frank Harrison.	
1887. Jas. Barnes Brearley.	1894. Arthur Wm. McLaren.	

THE OLD CHAPEL.

The village Chapel probably originated in an oratory, or Domestic Chapel, erected by the Trafford family for the convenience of their tenantry, but the date is not known.

In 1326 the Salfordshire Wapentake Court Rolls contain an entry of iijd., to be paid by William, the clerk of Stretford, for unjustly detaining a debt from Adam de Hulton (see "Manorial Records," *post*, vol. iii.).

In 1349 Henry de Blackburn was admitted parson of Bangor on the Dee, Flintshire. In 1353 Blackburn resigned, and Robert de *Treford* was admitted, on presentation by Roger le Strange of Ellesmere (co. Salop) and Knoking. In 1356 Treford resigned. In the Lichfield Diocesan Registers he is called Rob^{tus} de *Streford*. (*Palatine Note Book*, vol. ii. p. 188.)

The concurrence of the two forms Treford and Strefford increases the probability that the person named had been a priest at Stretford Chapel.

It was in existence in the reign of King Henry IV. (A.D. 1399-1413). This appears from a lease by Henry de Trafford, Esq., and Edmund his brother, to Robert Pendylton, preserved amongst the muniments lately at Trafford Hall, and dated (Feb. 1) the day next before the Purification of the B.V.M. in the fourteenth year of Henry IV. (1413), and describing a parcel of land belonging to that family, bounded on the western side by lands near the Chapel of Stretford (*juxta capellam de Stretford*). (See

Deed 16, *Appendix*, vol. iii., *post.*) In 1421 the Parish Church of Manchester was collegiate, and Dr. Hibbert-Ware, in his *Foundations of Manchester*, vol. iv. p. 135, suggested that the number of chapels of ease would be then increased, but it is evident that Stretford was provided for before that date.

About a century later a chantry was founded in this Chapel by Sir Edmund de Trafford, knt., perhaps near the close of his life, in the year 1513.

In a list of the clergy of the Deanery of Manchester in 1533, the name of D'N'S XPOFERUS RAYNSHAE occurs as one who was then paid by Edmund Trafford, and by others the inhabitants of Stretford.—(*Lanc. MSS.*, vol. xxii ; *Chet. Soc.*, vol. lix. p. 56, *n.*)

In Saxton's Map of Lancashire, dated 1577, the original of which is in the Chetham Library, Manchester, both "Stretford Chap." and "Chowerton [Chorlton] Chap." are marked.

It was at one time conjectured that the Chapel was not in existence at the time of Leland's journey in 1533, because contrary to his evident intention of naming everything worthy of notice, he omits to mention Stretford Chapel, which adjoined the King's highway along which he was travelling. On the other hand the inaccuracies in his *Itinerary*, and the rather jumbled way in which he enumerates the "seats of the nobility and gentry" between Stretford and Manchester, may be taken as indications that he was dependent upon a tired, or someone else's, memory when he made that portion of his notes, and in ignoring Stretford Chapel he may have only omitted what was possibly and probably a very unpretending building.

On August 16th, 1591, "Syr William Trafforde, an olde priest dwelling at Trafford," was buried at the Collegiate Church, Manchester. His age was 91, and he had been "the Ladie priest of Manchester," and possibly chantry priest of Stretford. On the dissolution of the chantries he had an annuity of £4 3s. 8d. awarded to him.—(*Willis, Hist. Mitr. Abb.*, vol. ii. p. 107 ; *Chet. Soc.*, vol. lix. p. 56, *n.*)

Another chantry priest at Manchester was CHARLES GEE, who was possibly a member of the Stretford family of Gee. In 1547, as Dominus Carolus Gee, he answered the call of his Diocesan, Bishop Birde, and he was at Stretford in 1557-8 (while Vaux was the Roman Catholic Warden of Manchester), his stipend then being five marks (£3 6s. 8d.)—(*Lanc. MSS.*, vol. xxii; *Chet. Soc.*, vol. lix. p. 56, *n.*)

The lands belonging to the Chantry were early in the sixteenth century in the possession of Thomas Hardware of Manchester, who let out portions on leases. From him, through the piety of Sir Edmund de Trafford, they passed into the power of Henry Trafford, clerk, who was afterwards rector of Wilmslow, and of William Trafford, gentleman, Hugh Honford, Christopher Renshaw, chaplain, and George Robinson, alias Barker, one of the chapelreeves, who were appointed by deed to be feoffees to be seized of the property to the use of the Chantry in Stretford Chapel. The rents were to be applied to the finding of a priest to sing in the said Chapel for the repose of the souls of Sir Edmund Trafford and his ancestors for ever.

These feoffees leased the property, January 1, 1524-5, to John Carrington of Carrington, and William Davenport of Bramhall, who, on March 24, 1524-5, leased it for fifty-three years to Lawrence Venables, son of Richard Venables, at a rental of 44s., to be paid at the Chapel of Stretford at the feast of S. Martin in winter (11 November) and the Nativity of S. John Baptist (24 June), by even portions. At that time three of the tenants on the property were Edward Hoxley, William Cocker, and Nicholas Leicester, holding leases from Thomas Hardware, late of Manchester.

The Lancashire Commissioners nominated February 13, 1546-7, returned that Charles Gee was the priest incumbent of the foundation of Sir Edmund Trafforde, knight, for the souls of whose ancestors he was celebrating at Stretford Chapel. This priest could not or would not show any deeds to the Commissioners, who inventoried as belonging to the Chantry a silver

chalice weighing 8 oz., and two vestments with the appurtenances (alb, amice, maniple, &c.), and as to the endowment they returned that Thomas Venables held the tenement with the appurtenances, lying in Budworth, in the county of Chester, the rent of 44s. being paid at Midsummer and Martinmas (*Lancashire Chantries*, vol. i., Chet. Soc., vol. lix. pp. 55-6). This property was in the large parish of Great Budworth, to the south of Warrington, and consisted of a messuage called Whitehall, in the township of Aston, near Pickmere, together with fifty-three acres, of which twenty were "land," ten meadow, and thirteen heath (otherwise described as meadows, leasowes, and pastures).

Parliament, who granted to King Henry VIII. the whole of the Chantry lands in the kingdom, confirmed the grant to King Edward VI., and the property was collected for him by Commissioners, who included Sir Edmund Trafford and other local gentry.

The plate and the two vestments, as well as some ornaments in the Chapel, of the value of tenpence (Chet. Soc., vol. lx. p. 277), were taken away, and the provision for the priests was left to the free-will offerings of the villagers, and the Chapel was unendowed for 160 years.

The Chantry lands at Whitehall, Budworth, were granted by King Edward VI. to Robert Woode, gentleman, and his heirs, in consideration of a sum of money (not stated), and Robert Wood enfeoffed them to Lawrence Hyde of Warden Castle, Wilts., gentleman, and John Dodde, gentleman. John Dodde released all his rights to Lawrence Hyde.

At Michaelmas, 1554, in the days of Queen Mary, Lawrence Hyde, who was descended from the Hydes of Norbury, and was grandfather of the celebrated Earl of Clarendon, exhibited a Bill of Complaint against Anthony Venables, gentleman, and Douce Venables, widow. The Bill stated that three years before, certain evidences and writings casually came to the hands of the Venables, by colour whereof they entered into possession of the estate, and wrongfully expelled him.

The litigation lasted many years. Depositions of witnesses touching the matter were taken at Northwich, August 13, 1560, before Sir Hugh Cholmondeley, knight, and Thomas Stanley, Esq., especial Commissioners under the Queen's Writ, on behalf of Hyde. They were to enquire whether the lands belonged to the Chantry of Stretford Chapel; whether the rents were employed to the finding of a Chantry priest five years (before the death of Henry VIII.), as well as to ascertain the course of the succession of the property. Another interrogatory, which remained unanswered, was whether the premises in variance, before the making of the Statute for Dissolution of Chantries, had been presented to belong to the Chantry before the Commissioners of King Henry VIII. for the Dissolution of Colleges, Chantries, &c., or not, and if it was presented, by whom it was so presented.

One of the witnesses was Alice Leyceter of Heylde, co. Chester, aged 68 years, widow. She was widow of Nicholas Leyceter, ancestor of Sir Peter Leycester, the historian.

Her deposition was as follows:—

She sayeth that she knoweth the tenement in varyaunce called Whitehall; that, by the com'on reporte of the contry and so farre as she ever harde or knewe, the said tenement and lands did belonge to a Chauntrie founded in the Chappell of Stratforde.

And further sayeth that she and her late husband Nicholas leyceter, being tenaunts to the said tenement and [one croft] parcell of the said lands, did paye yerelye vnto Sir Peter Warberton, knyght, and to Sir John Warberton, father vnto the said Sir Peter, for the space of tenne or twelve yeres or thereabouts, the some of eight shillings yerelye of cheife rent, which was all the rent that she and her said husband did paye for the said tenement and one croft thereto belonginge, and that there were dyu'se other tenaunts did occupye the rest of the landes belonginge to the said house.

And further sayeth that one [George Robinson, alias] Barker, beinge then Warden of the Chappell of Stratford beinge twentye

yeres past [viz. in 1540], came to Nicholas Leicester, this examynates husband, and sayed that he must take the Chauntrye Preist of the Chappell for his landelorde, and sayed if he were not acquaynted with the said preist he the said Barker woulde acquaynte theym together.

She doth knowe that Thomas Hardware of Manchester was seized of the said tenement and land.

And further sayeth that she hardesaye that the same tenement and lands was assured to the fyndinge of a Chauntrye Preist in the Chappell of Stratford, but to whom the assuraunce was made or by what conveyance she knoweth not.

Thomas ffoxeley of Pickmere, co. Chester, aged 65, another tenant of part of the lands, deposed that he had paid his rent to Maister Trafforde, father to Sir Edmund Trafford that then was, and to Sir Christofer Raunshawe, singing at the Chapel of Stratford, viz., sometimes to the one and sometimes to the other. He well knew that Thomas Hardware was lord of the said tenement, and sold the same to Maister Trafford, father to Sir Edmund Trafford that then was.

The case came on for judgment October 15, 1561, before Sir Nicholas Bacon (father of Lord Bacon), the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal. A suggestion was then made that as the inheritance of the lands in variance was in one Carrington of Carrington, who was then within age and the Queen's Majesty's ward, the decision should be deferred until he attained his majority. This was agreed to, and seven years later, when the heir had attained his majority and was out of ward, the cause, on November 11, 1568, came before Sir Nicholas Bacon, who decided that Hyde's right to the lands was well and sufficiently maintained and proved. The decision was confirmed under the Great Seal of England, by deed recapitulating the litigation, and dated at Westminster, February 10, 15 Eliz. (1572-3).

According to an extract preserved at the Church, and copied into Mr. Clarke's *MS.* volume, p. 223 (from *Pleadings*, Elizabeth, vol. v. H. 10), in Hilary Term, 3 Elizabeth (Jan. 1561), Lawrence

Hyde claimed also that King Edward VI. had, for a sum of money, granted by Letters Patent to Robert Woode, gentleman, and his heirs, three tenements with their appurts. in Sawforde (Salford), in the p'ishe of Manchester, latelie belonginge to a Chantrye founded in the Chapell of Stretford, and that Wood, by deed, infeoffed Hyde and John Dodd, gent., in fee with liverie and season (livery and seisin), by force whereof Hyde and Wood entered, and afterwards Wood by deed released his rights in the property to Hyde, who exhibited another Bill of Complaint to the Right Honorable S^r Ambrose Cave, knight, Chauncellor of the Duchie of Lancaster, stating that tenne years before certain evidences and writings concerning the property casually came to the hands of Judde Warde and Katheryn his wif, late wif unto Adam Pilkington, disseased, Richard Fasaker, and Lawrence Warde, by colour whereof they entered into possession of the estate and wrongfully expelled him "by the onelie maynteñnce of one S^r Edmund Trafford, Knight." This was a Bill for Discovery.

Jud Warde replied that he was a very poore man, but at least tenne yeres before the Statute of Chauntries Sir Edmund Trafford, knight, being seized in his demean as of fee of the said tenements, on xiiiijth April in vjth Edward VI. leased them by the description of a burgage and a crofte to Alice Pilkington (in whose tenure they were) and Adam Pilkington for a term, and at a rent (not particularising either term or rent), and he denied all other allegations made in the Bill of Complaint.

In Easter Term, 7 Eliz., in the action *Hide v. Warde* (*Duchy of Lancaster Orders*, vol. xiii., 1-7 Elizabeth) an Injunction having been already granted against the occupant, Hugh Torkington, the Plaintiff Hyde was ordered to reply before the end of term, and "Hughe Torkington, who was committed to the fleet for breache of the injunc'on, is this daye sett at libertye and discharged of his imprysonemt."

On 28 January, 1572 (14 Eliz.), Lawrence Huyde exhibited a Bill of Complaint in the Chancery of the Duchy of Lancaster

respecting probably the same three tenements in Sawford, in the Parish of Manchester, of which the late King had been seized, as part of the lands of the Chappell of Stradforde. The Bill alleged that previously a decree had been made against the late Sir Edmund Trafford, knight, and Edmund his son and heir, to give up possession of these premises, such possession having been taken by Sir Edmund "for that he was a man of great power and alliance, and able by strength to deteyne the same" from the complainant, and that the Traffords had leased them to Hugh Torkington, and that the injunction of the Court had been disregarded by Edmund Trafford the sonne, who was "a man of great countenance, and much frended and allied in the said countye of Lancaster." To this Bill, on 6th April, 1572, Edmonde Trafforde put in his Answer, alleging that the proceedings were vexatious, and that the former proceedings had been dismissed.—(*Duchy of Lancaster Pleadings*, vol. lxxxvii., H 3.)

In Easter Term, 15 Eliz. (*Orders*, vol. xvi., fo. 278), the suit of Hyde *v.* Trafford was ordered to be dismissed "if nothing said to contrary by Tuesday next," and on 28th April, June 4th and 8th, further orders were made for "dismission of the Defendant for a sute begun 9 Eliz."

The previous proceedings were taken by Lawrence Hyde, who claimed under a Release from John Dodde, his co-feoffee, by conveyance from Robert Woodde, who was grantee of King Edward VI.—(*Duchy of Lancaster Pleadings*, vol. lxvii., H 8; and *Book of Decrees*, leaf 2346 fil., 5 Eliz.)

After the Reformation, the curates of Stretford were the Fellows of the College of Manchester, whose successors, the Deans and Canons, still have the right of presentation. The Fellows do not appear at all times to have been conscientious stewards of their trust. It was one of the duties of the Wardens to send the Fellows to visit the sick in the villages in the parish of Manchester. In 1573 the seven chapelries were so neglected that the Queen's Commissioners for the Province of York enjoined the Wardens and Fellows to keep residence, and diligently preach

every Sunday, either in the church or at one of the chapels. It is thought that Bradford the Martyr preached at Stretford Chapel.

About 1574, Oliver Carter, Fellow of the College, and an earnest Protestant minister, was riding to one of the chapels, "distant from the parish church four miles," when one William Smythe met him by the way, and taking his horse by the bridle, drew his dagger, and beat and wounded him with three wounds, and if his horse had not broken out of the hand of the said Smythe, of likelihood he had slain him. It is not unlikely that this took place between Manchester and Stretford.

The transitional state of religion in this part of Lancashire about the year 1590 is vividly shown in a document signed by seventeen preachers, and headed "The manifolde enormities of the ecclesiasticall state in the most partes of the Countie of Lancaster, and many of them in som partes also of Cheshire," which was published in the fifth volume of *Chetham Miscellanies* (Chet. Soc., vol. xcvi. pp. 1-13), and it is still further illustrated by Mr. Bailey's extracts from "The Way to the Trve Chvrch" (1608), by James White, vicar of Eccles, which Mr. Bailey communicated to the *Manchester Courier*, "Local Gleanings" (vol. i. p. 128).

White gives "The Creed" as recollected by "the vulgar sort of people addicted to Papistry," commencing, "Creezum zuum patrum onitentem creatorum eius anicum Dominum nostrum qui cum sops virigine Mariæ; crixus fixus"; also The Little Creed, The White Pater Noster, and a Prayer. He adds, "they refuse to pray in their own language with vnderstanding," and "this that I say is generall throughout the country, the whole bodie of the common people practising nothing else. . . . Yea, the most men and women addicted to Papistry, though well born and brought up for civill qualities, and of good place in the countrey, yet lie plunged in this grievance, being perswaded that what they haue learned by long custome and continuance in their old religion (so they style it), they should not give ouer."

A full notice of Oliver Carter is given at p. 16 of *Chetham*

Miscellanies, vol. v. He was the second signatory amongst the above-mentioned seventeen preachers.

The XXIII Enormities include :— iii. Divers married in private houses without any Bandes asked, or any Intelligence thereof given to the minister of the church, and divers also in like sort baptized ; iv. Popish fasts and festivals duly observed in all these parts, and that with greater devotion then the Sabbath, against which days Crosses in streets and highways are in many places oft devoutly garnished and wax candles duly prepared ; v. Fairs and markets in most towns are usually kept upon the Sabbath, by occasion whereof divine service in the forenoon is greatly neglected ; vi. Wakes, Ales, Greens, May-games, Rushbearings, Bearbaits, Dove-ales, Bonfires, all manner unlawful Gaming, Piping and Dancing, and such like, are in all places freely exercised upon ye Sabbath ; ix. Those that seem reformed from Recusancie come so seldom and behave unconformably ; withdrawing to the farthest parts ; bestowing themselves in their own private prayers ; talking ; scorning of the publique action of the ministerie ; xiii. The youth, both of the gentry and of the common sort, are noseled (nursed) up in Poperie by many popish Schoolmasters fostered in gentlemen's houses and other places ; xiv. Disturbance of divine service : 1. by the continual intercourse of people in and out, the most coming in when service is half done ; 2. By the private Prayers used of the most with crossing and knocking of their brest, and sometimes with Beads closely handled ; 3. by walking and talking, by the scornfull laughing countenance of some ; 4. by great tumults of people remaining in the churchyard, from whence stones are often throwen upon the leads of the church, and many a clamorous noise and shout given out ; 5. by coming of those that are to be married, buried, and christened, commonly towards the end of the service. At which actions (and specially of Baptism) many others use to depart the church, shewing thereby no small contempt of the Sacrament. 6. By contentions (often times) about seats and places of Buriall in ye church, as also by making of the graves in

time of divine service ; xv. Manifold popish superstition used in the Buriall of the dead : 1. Some use the popish Rites . . . at home ; 2. they sett forth the corse all garnished with Crosses and sett round about with tapers and candles burning night and day . . . and everie one to say a Pater Noster or De profundis for the Sole. . . . After which they are made partakers of the dead manse dowe or Banquet of Charitie ; 4. they carry the Corse (all garnished with Crosses), which they sett down by the way at everie Cross, and there all of them devoutly on their knees make prayers for the dead ; 4. and when they have brought the corse to the church some with haste prevent the minister and burie the corse themselves ; some over-treat the minister to omit the service, and when the minister is redie many will depart. 5. When they have sett down the corse in the church they bend themselves to their private prayer, with crossing and knocking themselves, all kneling rownde aboute the corse, neglecting the publique service then in hand. When the corse is redie to be putt into the grave, some by kissing the ded corpses, others by wailing the dead with more then hethenish owtries, others by open Invocations for the dead, and another sort with jangling the bells, so disturb the whole action that the minister is oft compelled to lett pass that part and to withdraw. 6. After which at their banquet at the alehouse they oftentime have a pater noster for the dead ; 7. All the day and night after the buriall they vse to have excessive ringing for ye dead, as also at the twelmonethes day after, which they call a minninge day. But while the partie lieth sicke they will never require to have the Bell knowled, no, not at the point of death, whereby the people should be sturred up to prayer in due time ; xvi. Mariage disturbed with many popish rites, as by sundrie crosses vsed of the parties themselves ; by transposing the ring from finger to finger at the severall names of the fater, the son, and the holy ghost ; by laying down and giving a large portion of money as an Indowment of the woman ; xvii. Baptism not free from some popish Rites as in the departure of the parent

out of the church when ye baptism is in hand, also in the triple submersion of the infant all naked, and in the devout use of the popish Chrison (consecrated oil and balsam, representing the divine and human nature of Christ) ; xviii. Notorious disorders in the Esterly Communion : 1. The Communicants will not give their names before, by means whereof many notorious sinners and some Excommunicate are ignorantly admitted ; 2. Many intrude to receive who before have not bin present at divine service ; 3. Many superstitiously refuse to take the Sacrament of either kind in their hand, but proffer to receive it with their mouths at the hand of the minister, after the popish manner ; some cross themselves before they receive it, some cross themselves with it ; 4. generally they behave themselves irreverently, tumultuously, and oft contentiously amongst themselves and towards the minister, that they may get a spedie despatch, after which they all depart before the service be ended ; xix. The ministers reproving them are oft abused with reproachfull terms (even in time of publique ministration), with slanderous reports, with secret libels against them and their doctrine, and with violence, sometime offered even in the church and procinctes thereof ; xx. No small corruption in the church officers : 1. they are chosen by the singuler nomination of the gentlemen and better sort of everie town without the consent of the Pastor, by means whereof they are commonly of the meanest and lewdest sort of the people ; 2. they are seldom chosen in due time, and thereby the publique service is discepointed when any presentment is to be made of offenders ; 3. Hereunto are to be added the gentle hire and fair treaties, as also the bitter threats and injurious handling which the ministers and officers often reap, whereby malefactors scape without presentment ; 4. It is a general practice of the Paritioners not to allow anything to the officers to bear their charges, to the end the offices may grow into utter contempt. xxii. The inconvenient state of the churches and chapels : 1. The churches generally lie ruinous, unrepaired, and unfurnished of things decent and necessary, because the

Paritioners will not contribute for ye repair thereof; 2. The chapels of ease (which are three times as many as the Parish Churches and more¹) are utterly destitute of any Curates, many of them supplied with leude men, and some bare readers. By means whereof most of the people refrain their parish church under pretence of their chapels, and having no service at their chapels come not at all, but many grow into utter atheism and barbarism, many enjoy full security in Poperie and all popish practices; xxii. Sundry notorious vices abounding, usury, fornication, adultery, drunkenness, seditious talking, continual swearing and blaspheming the name of God in the mouth of old and young, rich and poor; xxiii. Jurisdiction despised, citations lightly regarded, excommunications not feared, many like well to continue in that state and seek no restitution; to prosecute is too chargeable and tedious; commissions from the Ordinary to order matters are generally amiss and never effectual; annual synods and triennial visitations void of all good effect.

The statement plaintively concludes "For the reformation of these enormities, what hath bin done, or rather what hath not bin done, heretofore, we know too well by over-long experience."

WILLIAM HODGKINSON, curate of Stretford, was in January, 1581, presented at an Episcopal Visitation for keeping an ale-house, and it was ordered that, at a few days' interval, he should not keep any ale or other victuals to sell in his house. He retained his cure, and was aged 40 on June 10, 1586.

WILLIAM JAMES is spoken of as "late curate" of Stretford, November, 1604.

In 1618 (a *MS.* note by the Rev. John Booker gives 1615 as the date) RICHARD WYLDE was curate. He seems to have been educated at Middleton School and at Brasenose College,

¹ In 1860 South Lancashire contained only seven rectories and vicarages, but more than one hundred chapels.

Oxford, where he graduated B.A. March 29, 1616 (Clark's *Reg. of Univ. of Oxford*, vol. iii. p. 59). After leaving Stretford he was at Milnrow.

MR. CHEESEMAM, perhaps, succeeded him, for the Manchester registers record the burial, on December 14, 1619, of "an infant of Mr. Cheeseman of Stretford, minister."

A famous minister named HUMPHREY TYLECOTE succeeded. He was previously, about 1611, minister at Denton, and was buried at Manchester Old Church, October 30, 1626, when he was described as "of Stretford, Preacher." Alice, "widow of Humphrey Tylecoat, Clarke," was buried near him, January 28, 1634-5. He belonged to the Puritan school of theology, and entered into the controversies of the day. Richard Hollingworth, in his *Mancuniensis*, includes "Master Tilecoat of Stretford" in his list of godly learned men, "our betters," who, as "known opposers of Prelacy," had defended the Reformed Churches, and had in consequence obtained a good report in Manchester and the parts about.

There is an interval in the Chapel Annals between 1626 and 1638, when the Chapel register mentions, on June 28, 1638, that Robert, son of ROBERT WILLIAMS, minister of Stretford, was baptised.

It was on Good Friday, 1632, that the rector of Ashton-upon-Mersey was drowned, "being, as it is feared, somewhat overcharged with drink," an occurrence which, together with the suicide two days later of the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge, were styled "signal evidences of God's anger and wrath, and presages of the ruin of the reformed religion."—(*Manchester Guardian*, May 31, 1880, Art. "The Traffords.")

On February 28, 1641-2, the curate, EDMUND HOPWOOD, and churchwarden of Manchester, Richard Hallywell, took the Protestations of Richard Harrison and Thomas Moores, the

chappel-riues of Stretford, and Thomas Gilbodye and Ralph Mosse, cunstables of the same (*Palatine Note Book*, vol. i. p. 83), also the Protestation of William Hollinpriest, described as a churchwarden, but more probably what would now-a-days be styled a sidesman, and who was probably the sidesman for Stretford at the Manchester Parish Church, as there was a family of that name resident at Stretford.

Soon afterwards the Civil War broke out, and the Fellows of the College were deprived of their incomes. The tithes of the parishes were seized, and the appointment and often the selection of ministers, and provision for their incomes, rested with local and other committees in the interest of the Parliament.

The tithes of Stretford, formerly farmed by Sir Cecil Trafford, were used, amongst other purposes, to support the ministers of Walton-le-Dale, Walmesley Chapel, &c.

The Registers contain very few entries for the years 1641-6, and are not regularly resumed until 1649 or 1650.

In the meanwhile the Presbyterians ruled ecclesiastically in Stretford.

In March, 1647, HUGH NEWTON was established at Stretford as minister. On the 16th of that month a petition was sent to the Classis at Manchester "by many of Stretford," praying to have him duly appointed.

He was ordered to come to the next meeting with his certificates, but in the meanwhile was to suspend preaching. His attendance, if he did attend, is not recorded, and nothing more is recorded to have been done in the matter, but during the course of the sittings of this Classis the ministers and elders of Stretford attended the monthly meetings with the greatest regularity.

A *MS.* note by the Rev. John Booker states that JOHN "ADCROFT" was minister in 1649.

In 1650 the Parliamentary Commissioners, who were directed

to keep in view the augmentation of small livings and the subdivision of large parishes, surveyed the living of Stretford.

The Return is filed in Chancery, *Surveys of Church Livings*, vol. ii. fol. 42, Hundred de Salford. The Enquiry was held at Manchester, before Richard Standish, James Assheton, Alexander Barlow, Thomas Birch, Robert Mawdesley, John Hartley, and Peter Holte, esquires, and Thomas Cubham, gentleman, the Commissioners, on June 17, 1650, and the jury consisted of:—

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| 1. John Gilliam of Newton. | 9. William Owen of fflixton. |
| 2. John Marler of Manchester. | 10. James Royle of fflixton. |
| 3. Henry Neild of Manchester. | 11. Thomas Sorocold of Bar- |
| 4. William Rawlenson of
Blackeley. | ton. |
| 5. Ralph Worsley of Rusham
[Rusholme]. | 12. James Rowe of Heawton
[Haughton]. |
| 6. Francis Wood of Withing- | 13. Edmund Chatterton of Al- |
| ton. | krington. |
| 7. Thomas Gilbodie of Streit- | 14. George Jackson of Chorl- |
| ford. | ton, and |
| 8. Adam Pilkington of Salford. | 15. Robert Loynsdale of Wors- |
| | ley. |

all of whom are described as "*gen.*" or gentlemen.

The Inquisition, so far as Stretford is concerned, runs:—

Streitford.—Allsoe we p'sent that theire is a chappell within the townshippe of Streitford, belonginge and within the pish of Manchester, and that Mr John Odcrofte, preacher of God's word, hath and doth officiate at the same Chappell.

And that the tyths within Streitford afforesaid, formerly farmed for divers yeares yett . . . being by Sr Edmund Trafford, knight, deceased, from the said pish Church of Manchester, at the yerely rent of sixe pounds thirteene shillings fflower pence, and is worth p annū in kind twenty-six pounds thirteene shillings and foure pence, two pts whereof is taken from Sr Cecill Trafford for his recusancy.

And that the sallery and stipend payed to the said Mr. Odcrofte is payed him by the inhabitants of Streitford afforesaid,

without any allowance from the Rectory or pishie Church of Manchester or otherwise, to the insupportable burden and charge of the said inhabitants.

And that the said Chappell is distant from the said pishie Church foure statute myles and upwards, and is wthin a statute myle and a halffe of Chorleton Chappell, and three statute myles from fflixton, and fit to bee made a pish.¹

At Lambeth, in the second of 50 to 60 folio *MS.* volumes relating to Churches in Lancashire in the 17th century, it is recorded that the ministers of Denton, Birch, Didsbury, and Chorlton, had had some maintenance out of the sequestration, but "all orders expiring about midsummer, 1650, there is noe meanes known for them but the contributions of the people."

Odcroft had also to look after the spiritual requirements of Chorlton. Thus in August, 1651, Israel, "son of John Odcroft, minister of Chorlton," after being there baptised, perhaps by his father, was brought to Stretford, where the ceremony was repeated. The same day, August 8, the child was taken to Flixton, where the Incumbent, Mr. Edward Woolmer, who was still an Episcopalian, also baptised him, and entered the fact in his register, describing the father as "John Odcroft de Stretford."

Odcroft is fitly described by Mr. Clarke (*MS.*, p. 106) as an unflinching supporter of Episcopacy. He was much opposed to the rule of the Presbyterians, and persisted in reading the Liturgy after it was prohibited. The Presbyterians threatened to obtain a magistrate's order to eject him from the Chapel, but he defied them.—(See Halley's *Lancashire Puritanism*, vol. ii. p. 59.)

In 1651, Richard Benson, the minister of Chorlton, was sent by the Presbyterian Classis of Manchester to speak to Odcroft, to see what he could say concerning the course he was holding, and Odcroft was enjoined that his presence was expected at the Classis on the second Tuesday in June. Enquiries were in the

¹ See *Lanc. & Ches. Church Surveys, 1649-1655*, edited by Lieut.-Col. Fishwick, *Lanc. & Ches. Record Soc.*, 1879; and Earwaker's *Local Gleanings*, 1880, p. 230.

meantime to be made into Odcroft's conduct in making clandestine marriages, that is, marriages not performed before a Justice of the Peace according to the Directory, and in baptizing children, and as to whether he was of scandalous life. The battle of Worcester, on September 5, 1651, and the defeat of Charles II. there, put a stop to the proceedings of the Presbyterian Party. On the 27th of May, 1651, Richard Benson was buried in the chancel at Stretford. He was described by the Parliamentary Commission of 1650 as a "prayerful and godly preaching minister."

Odcroft was succeeded by some ministers who were selected and salaried by the inhabitants, and ordained by the Presbyterians.

The first of these was ARTHUR FRANCIS, who at the age of 25 was ordained here December 10, 1651. On that occasion the Rev. Mr. Meeke of Salford preached, the Rev. Mr. Angier of Denton gave the exhortation, and the Rev. Mr. Harrison of Ashton-under-Lyne, and others, prayed.

Francis was followed by one Mr. (RALPH ?) NUTTALL, who made an arrangement with the people, but showed a disposition to slight the Presbyterian discipline. On January 10, 1653-4, he was summoned before the Classis at Manchester, and gave an account of his being minister and officiating at Stretford, but he added that it was not probable that he should continue one day longer. He stayed on, however, and attended the Classis as minister of Stretford in May and August, 1655.

The next minister was the Rev. JEREMY SCHOLES, or Scoales, M.A., of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, who was a conscientious man, son of George Scoles of Salford, and a native of that place, where he was born about 1629, being baptised June 14, 1629, at Manchester Parish Church. In April, 1655, he presented himself to the Manchester Classis for ordination, and on the first of July following he and Mr. James Jackson, B.A., were ordained at

Chorlton Chapel, Scholes to Stretford and Jackson to Chorlton. In the following year he married at Kirkly Hall, co. York, Deborah, daughter of the Rev. Nathaniel Rathband of Keighley, co. York, who had assisted at his ordination. Scholes¹ was an associate of Henry Newcome, in whose *Diary* (Chet. Soc., vol. xviii.) are many particulars about him. On April 12, 1683, Newcome notes "All day at a private day at Mr. Butterworth's. Distracted at last by good Mr. Scholes, who was tedious and oft unintelligible. I grieve for him."

"10 March, 1658. Mr. Scholes told me a considerable passage of himself; that a gentleman of quality came on purpose to quarrel with him in his own house, about his preaching against set forms of prayer, &c. And he was suddenly taken with the hickup, that it calmed him exceedingly, and hastened him away, much frightened with it."

"25 May, 1658. Mr. Scholes told me a very strange thing this day that hath happened in his parish. One James Linnacre, a man of a good estate, married one Steimson, a papist's daughter. He buries his wife. Was a melancholic man. And the papist gets him to settle his land on his youngest son, off all his own kindred. Now shortly after this, about two years since, this Linnacre is missed, and was never heard of since. Now a gentlewoman had been troubled. Saw one day a white pillar in the house, and she followed it, and it went down under the door. Since yesterday was seventh night, Linnacre appeared to her; shewed her his head and side, where he was wounded, and told that they had buried him very deep in a buttery. She told her father, and he got a warrant and hath searched slightly; and so the matter at present depends. There are strong probabilities

¹ Adam Martindale (*Autobiography*, Chet. Soc., vol. iv. p. 236) terms him a learned man and profitable preacher. Matthew Henry (*William's Life*, p. 260) calls him "a learned godly minister in Manchester." Canon Parkinson, who edited Martindale's *Life* (*op. cit.*, p. 236) quotes from Calamy, "He (Scholes) used to take much delight in days of prayer and humiliation, in which he was often charged by his brethren with holding out too long; though he was usually pertinent and acceptable."

of the thing, for, just before this thing, Mr. Steimson had turned away all his servants."

About this time Scholes left Stretford, and removed to Norton, near Dronfield, Derbyshire, whence he was ejected in 1662. Thereupon he returned to Salford and lived upon his estate. When the Indulgences to Dissenters were issued in 1672, Scholes, on June 10, obtained a license to preach in his own house in Salford, as a Presbyterian meeting house, and on 27th July a similar license for the "out-housing" of Thomas Low "in Chorlton"[-cum-Hardy]. In both of these places he exercised his vocation. He died April 27, 1685, aged 55, and was buried in the Manchester churchyard. He was an upright-hearted man, and Newcome (*Autobiography*, Chet. Soc., vol. xxvii. p. 259) applies to him the epithets "precious, learned, modest, and pious." His will, dated March 5, 1674, was proved at Chester. His wife was buried in the Manchester churchyard, July 16, 1668. Besides a son Nathaniel, who became a Nonconformist minister, he had two daughters, Deborah and Rebecca, both of whom died in infancy (*Palatine Note Book*, vol. iv. p. 29). For further particulars of the Scholes family, and the Rev. Nathaniel Scholes, see *Palatine Note Book*, vol. iv. pp. 28-31.

Mr. Hibbert-Ware (*Foundations of Manchester*, vol. i. p. 303) says that the pulpit of Stretford was "occupied by a succession of preachers, whose unsteadiness was attributed to the divided state of the congregation, until at length a Mr. Richardson, a newly-ordained minister of much promise, became stationary."

This Mr. EDWARD RICHARDSON, B.A., was aged 24 when he was ordained at Stretford, on July 27, 1658, after having shown a testimonial of his "fair call" signed by the people of Stretford. He also satisfied the Classis as to his age, degree in the university, good life, and abilities. The occasion was kept as a fast. Mr. Jackson of Chorlton prayed, Mr. John Jones of Eccles preached, Mr. Wm. Leigh of Gorton prayed, and Mr. Henry Newcome of Manchester "propounded the questions." Then Mr. Richardson

made public confession of his faith, and after earnest prayer he was solemnly set apart to the work of the ministry by the imposition of hands of the Presbyters. Finally Mr. Newcome exhorted him and the people touching their mutual duties. On July 13, 1659, he joined with others in signing the "Propositions for Accommodation" between Presbyterians and Episcopalians.

In the entry of his marriage at the Old Church of Manchester he is called Edward Richardson of Manchester, Clerke, son of Thomas Richardson, late of Grindlow [Longsight], deceased. His wife was Ellen Chourlton of Manchester, daughter of Ralph Chourlton, late of the same, deceased.

His children, who were born between 1659 and 1671, were baptised at Manchester. In 1660 and 1661 he is called "Chaplain" of the College, and as such he preached the sermon at six o'clock on Lord's Day mornings in Manchester. He was ejected from his Fellowship in 1663. In 1673 he preached, says Calamy [*Account of Ministers Ejected*, vol. ii. p. 393], by virtue of a license, at "Chorton." If Chorlton is meant, it may be a mistake, for his license on May 2, 1672, was to be a Presbyterian teacher in the house of Robert Mort in *Little Hilton*. He was a competent scholar, and a pious man. He died in 1680.

After the Restoration the chapel was very irregularly served with curates, there being no settled minister until the new Chapel was built and an endowment obtained. The Fellows of the College at Manchester, which had now recovered their former possessions, again took charge of their Chapelries. They, in conjunction with the clergy of the neighbouring parishes, attended to the religious wants of Stretford.

One of the first of the ministers after the Restoration was the REV. FRANCIS MOSLEY, who resided at Turfmoss, otherwise Turnmoss. He received ordination at the hands of the Classis at Manchester, January 10, 1654-5. He was then 24 years old, and Master of Arts of Emmanuel College. He was fifth son of

Oswald Mosley, Esq., of Ancoats Hall, Manchester. He married Catherine Davenport of Davenport, and his son Francis was born 19th May, and was baptised at Stretford Chapel on 8th June, 1665. The Registers also show that "Osweld, the soone of Franchis Mooseley, was borne the 13 day of May, and was babtised the 23 day of May, 1667; Meriall, the daughter of ffrances Moseley de Turmosse, Cler., was borne Aug. the eighteenth, and was Baptised the ffirst day of September, anno 1669, and was buried the 29 day of Desember, 1669; Edward, the son of Mr. franchis Mosley, was buried the 21 day of aprill, 1674."

On February 16, 1673-4, he was presented to the rectory of Wilmslow by John Newton of Stretford, gentleman. The presentation to the living of Wilmslow had belonged to the Trafford family, but the heir to Sir Cecil Trafford was a Roman Catholic, and was therefore unable to present. The presentation was therefore sold to Mr. John Newton, steward of Stretford Court Baron, and overseer of the highways for Stretford in 1691, and chapel-warden in 1700. He was buried at Bowdon, June 3rd, 1701, and the will of "John Newton of Stretford, yeoman," was proved at Stretford the same year.

On December 14, 1679, the Rev. Peter Newcome, son of Henry Newcome already mentioned, preached at Stretford, on Psalm lxxiii. 26. His father and others of his family attended the Chapel with him.

On September 15, 1679, a MR. STOCKTON was appointed curate.

In Booker's *Didsbury and Chorlton*, p. 61, it is said that in 1678, at Didsbury, the Rev. John Walker acted as curate, and held the curacy till 1685, and his successor was the Rev. Peter Shaw, who at the time of his appointment was curate of Stretford Chapel. The REV. PETER SHAW was, however, curate at Stretford in 1689, when his name is found on the Register.

The Rev. John Hinde, a Fellow of the College, Manchester, whose widow left a valuable educational legacy to the village, is

mentioned in the Register on March 11, 1696-7, and on August 18, 1701.

JOHN COLLIER was for some years minister of Stretford, being then only a literate. He was the father of the well-known Lancashire humourist called "Tim Bobbin," who was born at Urms-ton, and was baptised at Flixton on January 6, 1708-9, being called the "son of Mr. John Collier of Vrmestone." In 1716 the father was permitted to discharge the deacon's office at Hollinsfare, or Hollinsgreen, near Warrington, where, according to an erroneous Flixton tradition "Tim Bobbin" was born; but in 1725, according to a statute then recently passed, he was compelled to take priest's orders at Chester.

Entries in the Stretford Registers show that he was connected with the chapelry for about four years. The first entry, dated December 17, 1706, alludes to him as "Mr. Jno. Collier, parson of Stretford." There are two baptisms entered the year following, the first being on March 30, "by Mr. [or mee] John Collier, minister *ibid.*," and the second on June 25, "p. Mr. Jno. Collier, minister *ibid.*" There are five entries in 1708, on May 5, May 6, July 18, July 22, and November 1, all of which describe Collier as minister of Stretford, but it is noticeable that two of these entries, relating to baptisms of the Green and Birch families, on July 18 and November 1, speak of him as "*then* minister of Stretford," and these two entries are exceptional, as they are engrossed. There are three of his baptisms in 1710, one on April 30 "by John Collier, curate of Eccles," another on October 12 "by Mr. John Collier," and the third, which is the last Collier entry on the Register, on August 3 "p. Mr. Jno Collier." There is some reason to believe that some of these entries are in Collier's handwriting. During the years in question he was resident at Urmston, in a small tenement nearly opposite Urmston Hall, which bore the name of "Richard o' Jones's," but which had disappeared long before 1878. Collier himself died at Newton, in Mottram parish, June 15, 1739.

"Parson Holt" baptised two children at the Chapel on November 2 and 8, 1711, and the second volume of the Register shows that he was baptising at the Chapel on October 31, 1714, and February 27 following. In both these cases he is styled "Mr. Hoult." In 1719 it is recorded that "Parson Hoult" baptised a child at Chorlton Chapel on 10th April.

On February 24, 1711, "Dr. Roe" baptised one of the Birch family. This was the well-known Warden Wroe, of the College, Manchester, called "the silver-tongued Wroe."

About this time it would appear that there was no fixed minister at Stretford, but on June 26, 1716, Warden Wroe and the Fellows appointed SAMUEL BOLTON to be curate. He was son of Roger Bolton, one of the Fellows, and was of Brasenose College, Oxford; B.A. October 13, 1711, and M.A. June 8, 1714.

In 1716-17 ROGER MASTERSON, or MAISTERSON, was curate, and described himself at this time as minister of Stretford.

It was during his tenure of the living that the inhabitants took measures to erect a larger chapel. They were incited to do so by the public spirit of two of the villagers, Mrs. Anne Hinde, the second wife of the Rev. John Hinde, already mentioned, who gave £100, and John Harrison, gentleman, of Stretford, who resided in Toad Lane, Manchester, and had been chapel-warden in 1700, along with John Newton. Mr. Harrison contributed £230 towards the endowment, and the Commissioners of Queen Anne's Bounty bestowed £200 more. Baines, in his *History of Lancashire*, erroneously asserts that the old chapel "at length fell down for want of repairs."

Early in 1717-18 a meeting of the inhabitants was held, and the following memorandum was drawn up and signed:—

Febr'y 3^d, 1717[18].

Then agreed upon by a publick meeting of the Inhabitants ["Parishioners" deleted] of Stretford, &c.

That the Chapel thereof shall be taken down, & Sufficiently rebuilt ["or repaired" deleted]. As voted by

Witness our Hands

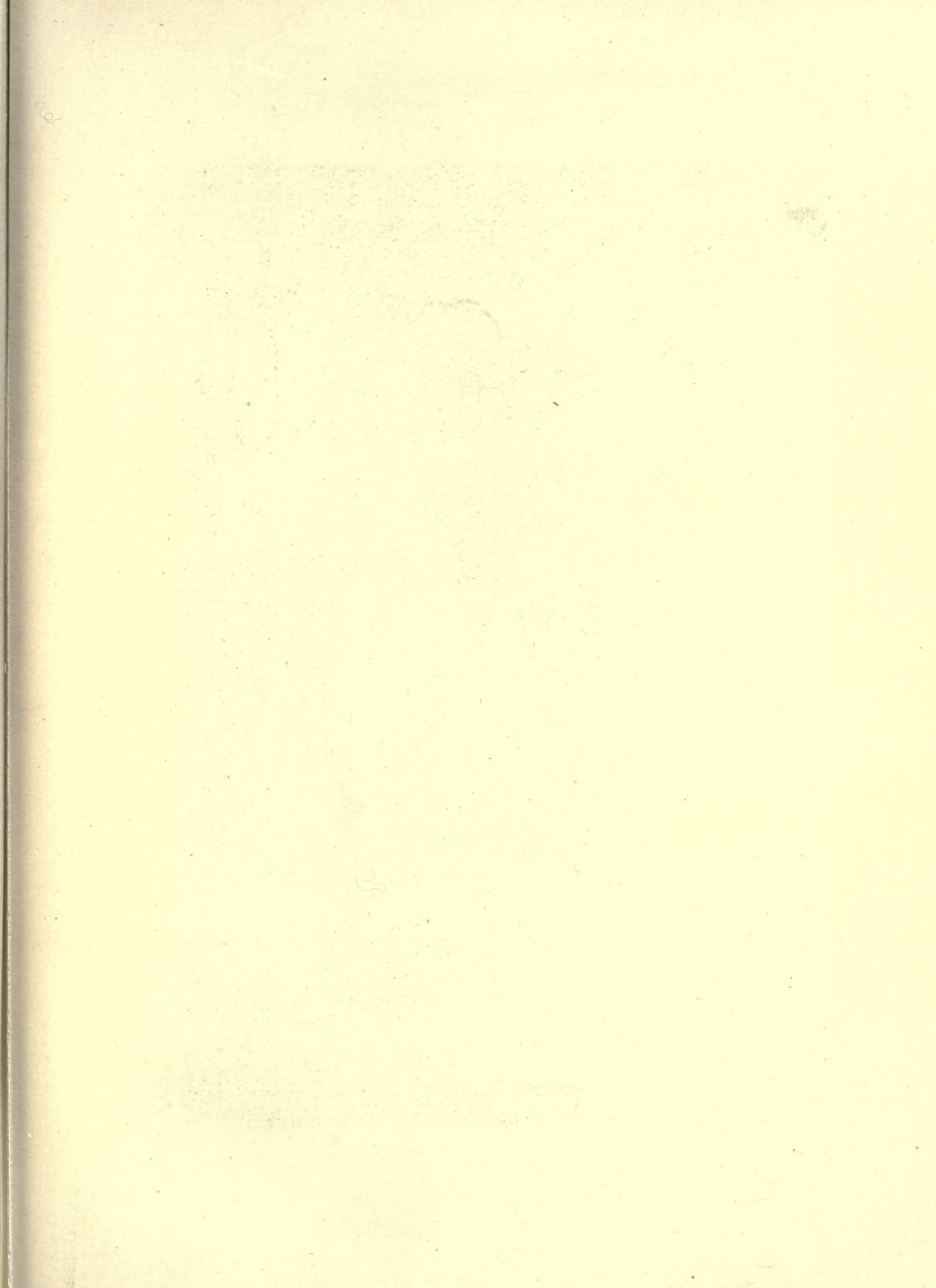
Chapel wardens.	Inhabitants.
Tho : Chadwick.	John Harrison.
Thomas Newton.	Thos. Mosse.
	John Harrison.
	John Shawcross.
	James Davie [Davis?]
	John Moss.
	Thomas Barlow.
	Francis his F mark Johnson.
	Tho : Moores.
	Wm : Roscoe.
	John Hatton.
	Thurston his mark Barlow.
	William his W mark ffaulkner.
	George his R mark Richardson.
	Thomas his O mark Royle.
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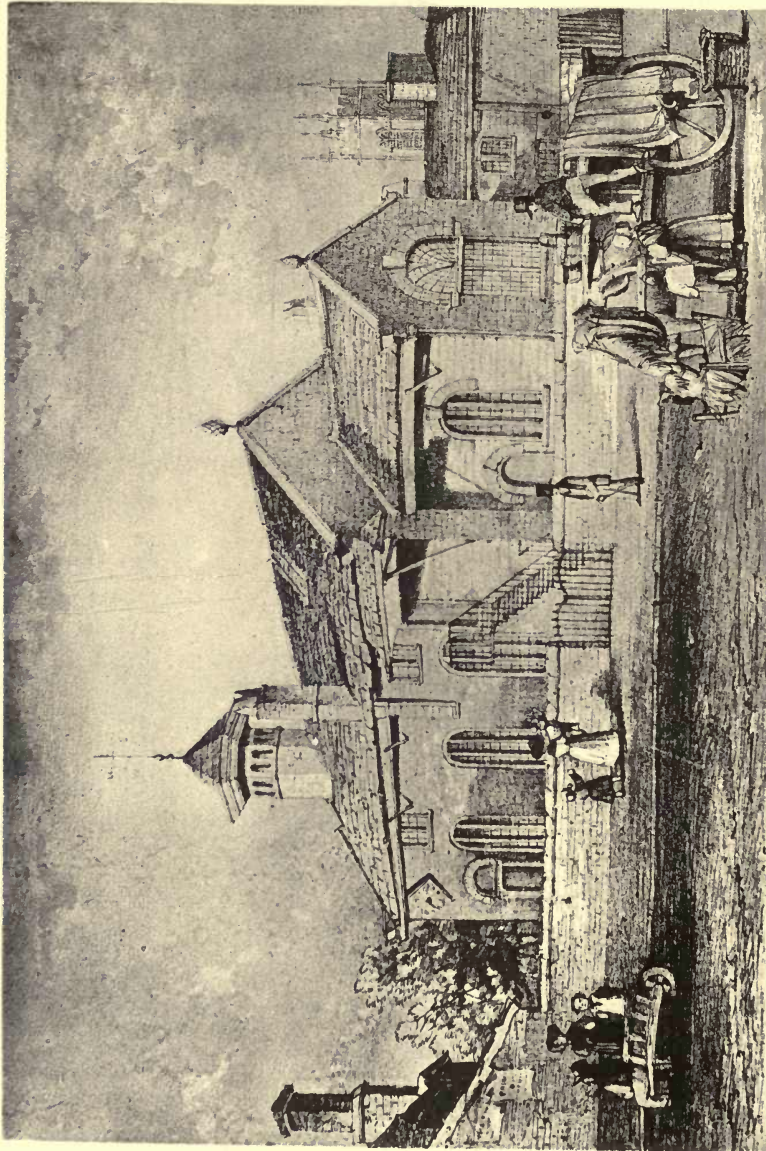
These and other inhabitants contributed about £180, and the inhabitants of Manchester a like sum. Mr. Humphrey Trafford's contribution was £20. The entire cost, including the land, was nearly £500.

This chapel lasted for about 120 years, and was occupied by the following curates :—

On January 28, 1718–9, ROBERT ARMISTEAD, B.A. of Magdalen Hall, Oxford (June 13, 1718), was licensed to the cure, on the nomination of Warden Wroe and Fellows. In his time Francis Gastrell, Bishop of Chester 1714–25, in his survey of his see, states that there were then 74 families in the village, and four families of Protestant Dissenters.

Before the endowment for the new chapel, the income of the Stretford Chapelry was only £1 1s. 2d., of which 10s. was derived





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from surplice fees. The voluntary contributions of the parishioners amounted to about £10. The bishop was told that in 1673 there were two wardens. He records Harrison's benefaction, and alludes to the licensing of the new curate. He adds that there was a private school without any endowment.—(*Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part 1, Chet. Soc., vol. xix. pp. 67, 95-6.)

The third page of the first volume of the Register contains a note "JNO JACKSON, M.A., minister 1721," and on a page which is filled with entries for 1670 there is another note, "Stratford, Nov. y^e 29, 1737, Jon. Jackson, minister."

He was buried, according to the Register, on February 21, 1739-40. His gravestone in the old yard is inscribed:—

"Here Resteth the Body of the Rev^d John Jackson, A.M., buried Feb. y^e 21st, 1740. M^{rs} Elizth Grantham, buried Jan. 14, 1733. The Rev^d John Sutcliffe, departed this Life April the 27th, A.D. 1804, aged 49 years."

The Register states that Mistress Grantham was the daughter of Mr. Thomas Grantham, attorney-at-law, late of "Haslenden," and sister-in-law to the Rev. Mr. Jackson. Mary, a daughter of Mr. Jackson, was buried at Manchester, April 21, 1742.

"JOHN BALDWIN, minister," signs the foot of the Registers from early in 1740 to July 12, 1747.

About 1745 [?] the minister, John Baldwin [?], made an inventory of his library, written on the back of a sheet of paper containing the names of Stretford ratepayers, on April 17, 1745. The books were:—

Religious Philosoph^r [by John Chamberlayne, 1721].

Lessley wth Sermons [probably Charles Leslie's *Short Method* bound up with sermons].

Donats Dictionery [Donatus's Grammar?].

Nelsons [Companion to the Festivals and Fasts, 1704].

Sers. v. 9.

Miscellanies 4^{to}.

Reading S^{ns} v. 4.

Hopk. 10 Comndmt^s [Ezekiel Hopkins, Exposition of the Ten Commandments, 1692, 4^{to}].

Dialogues wth a Woman.

Bible.

Jeffryes Discourses [John Jeffery, D.D., Disc., 1701].

Luptons Ser^s [Wm. L., D.D., Sermons, 1724, 8vo].

Ser. v. 8.

Reading v.

Sers. v. 9.

Dales Philosophical Comdmt^s.

Bradys Ser^s [Nicholas B., Sermons, 1724].

Stanhope Ep. Gos. vol i. 3 [Geo. S., D.D., Paraphrase and Commentary on the Epistles and Gospels appointed to be read in the churches of England on all Sundays and holidays].

Sherlock Judgm^t [W. S., D.D., Practical Discourse Concerning a Future Judgment, 1725, 8vo].

Layland ag^t Tindal v. i. fol. [John Leland, D.D., Answer to Tindal's Christianity as Old as the Creation, 1733].

Scott's Works, v. 6. [John Scott, D.D., Works, 1718.]

Body Divinity. [By Thomas Stackhouse (?), 1729.]

Hamond's N. Testam^t and psalms. [Henry Hammond, D.D.]

Burkit N. Test. [Wm. B., Expository Notes with Practical Observations on the New Testament.]

Boys, 39 Articles. [Jas. B., Practical Exposition on the 39 Articles, 1716, fol.]

Calmets, Lectures. [Perhaps Calmet's Bible Dictionary, 1732.]

Blair Ser^s v. i. 2. [James B., M.A., Our Saviour's Sermon on the Mount explained in 117 Sermons, 1722, 5 vols.]

Smith v. i.

Ser^s v. 3.

"JNO. BAXTER, minister," begins to sign in September, 1747, and continues up to July, 1766. The entry of his marriage is in

the Eccles Registers, May 30, 1759, his wife being Sarah Barlow of Eccles Parish. Only one of their children is registered as baptised at Stretford, namely, Robert, on February 8, 1761. Mr. Baxter was buried on August 8, 1766, and there is a stone to his memory, inscribed, "The Rev. Iohn Baxter, who was minister of this Chapel 19 years, dyed August 6, 1766. Aged 61 years."

In August, 1766, WILLIAM STOPFORD (B.A. of Brasenose College, 1759) succeeded. On July 23, 1767, his son Joshua was baptised at Stretford. The last entry referring to him on the Registers is in April, 1775. By his second wife, Margaret Cooperthwaite, he had two children, Margaret, baptised at Stretford, February 27, 1774, and Esther, baptised there April 24, 1775.

In 1775 WILLIAM GARNETT was apparently assistant curate. He was baptised June 28, 1744, at Windermere Parish Church, and was son of Anthony Garnet of Stor. He was admitted to priest's orders July 8, 1775.—(Clarke's *MS.*, p. 118.)

The REV. THOMAS SEDDON succeeded the Rev. Wm. Stopford on July 18, 1778. The Churchwardens' Accounts for 1777 and 1778 indicate that there was unpleasantness between the late and new Incumbent, as on March 31, 1777, the Wardens spent 1s. 5d. "expenses at Bull's Head concerning Mr. Stopford," and in 1778 4s. were spent at "a meeting about Disputes of the Parsons," and later in the year 7s. "about Mr. Seddon and Mr. Stockport (*sic*) Disputes." Mr. Stopford's curacy extended from 1778 to 1795 or 1796. This erratic clergyman was educated at the Manchester Grammar School, under the Rev. John Clayton. He matriculated at Oxford, from Magdalen Hall, March 2, 1776, aged 23, as son of John Seddon of Eccles, co. Lancaster, and paid the fees of a gentleman's son. He called himself Master of Arts, but he never took any degree at his University. He boasted that "independent of a host of heralds" it was in his

power to trace his pedigree up to the Conquest, "for with the conquerors my ancestors first came into this country, as appears from the testimony of grants for services done in that successful enterprise, which are now in the possession of a distant relation, a gentleman of my own name."

He acknowledges that he was not much benefitted by his academical education, and that he was generally known to be no economist.

He married for means "a young lady of family in my neighbourhood."

In January, 1777, he began to make the entries in the Register, but his writing is only traced up to January, 1779. He was by no means so good a registrar as a complaint which he makes about his predecessor would lead one to expect.

In 1779, in an unhealthy frame of mind, he wrote an anonymous book called *Characteristic Strictures*. These were satiric criticisms on pictures supposed to have been on exhibition. The subjects, which were over one hundred in number, were derived from "the most eminent persons in the counties of Lancashire and Cheshire, particularly in the town and neighbourhood of Manchester." This singular work was inscribed to John Astley, Esq., of Duckinfield Lodge, who was a portrait painter until his marriage with Lady Daniel, who gave him the Duckinfield estate.

The following is Seddon's criticism of himself, of Acres-barn (Pendleton), supposed to be painted as St. Luke: "This figure is too volatile and thoughtless either for the sage appearance of a Physician or the divine Sanctity of an Apostle; and yet the features do not indicate a vicious disposition. Good temper is one of the most amiable virtues that can be described, but when carried to such profusion, unrectified by the prudent precaution of self-preservation, it gives a suspicion that the understanding is weak, and the painter himself must acknowledge that the habit is too extravagant for the meekness of a disciple, and a corroborating circumstance of our imaginations respecting his intellectual faculties."

Immediately after the publication of this work Seddon was invited "to accept a curacy in a corporate town." This was the curacy of St. George's, Wigan ("built by subscription in 1781"—Baines). Seddon says, "my abidance at this place was but a fluctuation in muddled waters." His friends there, he adds, "took an opportunity in my absence of superseding me from the church to serve a different connection." Mr. Bailey conjectures that this was to serve at Stretford. The Bishop sanctioned the supersession, to which Seddon says he would not have submitted "but that I must have been obliged to have given up some other preferment, as a prosecution was threatened by my opponents in court if I persisted in my claim, for non-residence upon my living."

This autobiographic notice is taken from the introduction to his *Letters to an Officer in the Army*, 2 vols., Warrington, 1786. He does not mention Stretford by name. His connection with the chapelry was not creditable. He had not long been there before the benefice was sequestrated for a debt of £400 held by his father, who, the son alleges, had been accused of too greatly indulging his children. Seddon had to leave the village, and curates for a number of years occupied the pulpit. The erroneous Stretford tradition of him is that he had his gown stripped off him three times, and then had a school given to him, and that he used to tell the congregation they could go home and he was going to fish, as it was a good day for it. In 1787 he speaks of himself as "retired now from all professional engagements, and without hopes of succeeding to any."

Three years later, however, Dr. Hinde gave him the incumbency of Lydgate, near Saddleworth, to which he had been unanimously elected by the inhabitants, and which, with Stretford, he held till his death. That event occurred May 17, 1796, on his passage to the West Indies as chaplain to the 104th Regiment (Royal Manchester Volunteers), whose colours he had consecrated in St. Ann's Church, Manchester, on August 24th, 1794.

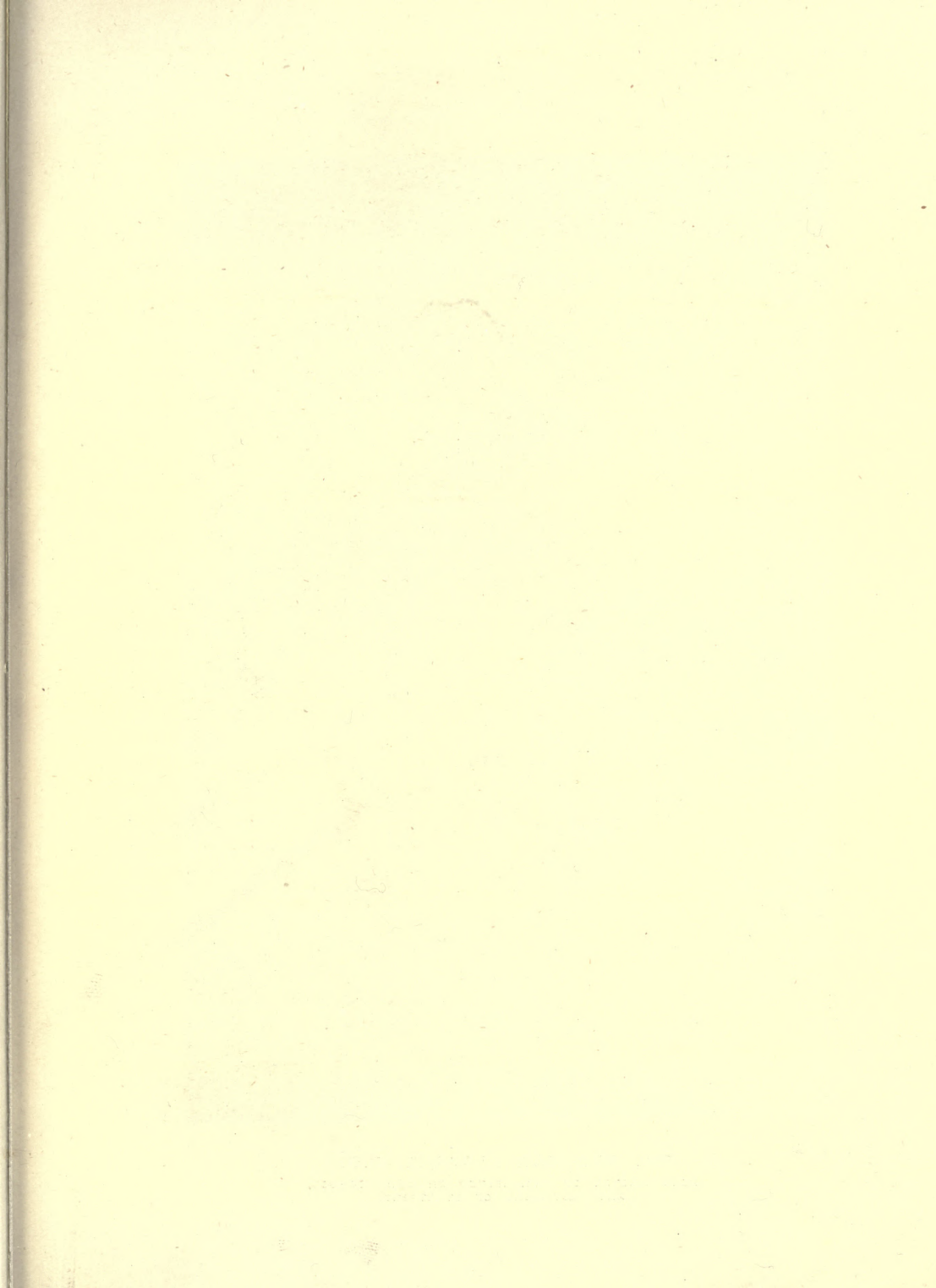
Besides the books above mentioned he published "Impartial and Free Thoughts on a Free Trade to Ireland," and some Sermons.—(See *Dict. Nat. Biog.*, vol. li. p. 178.)

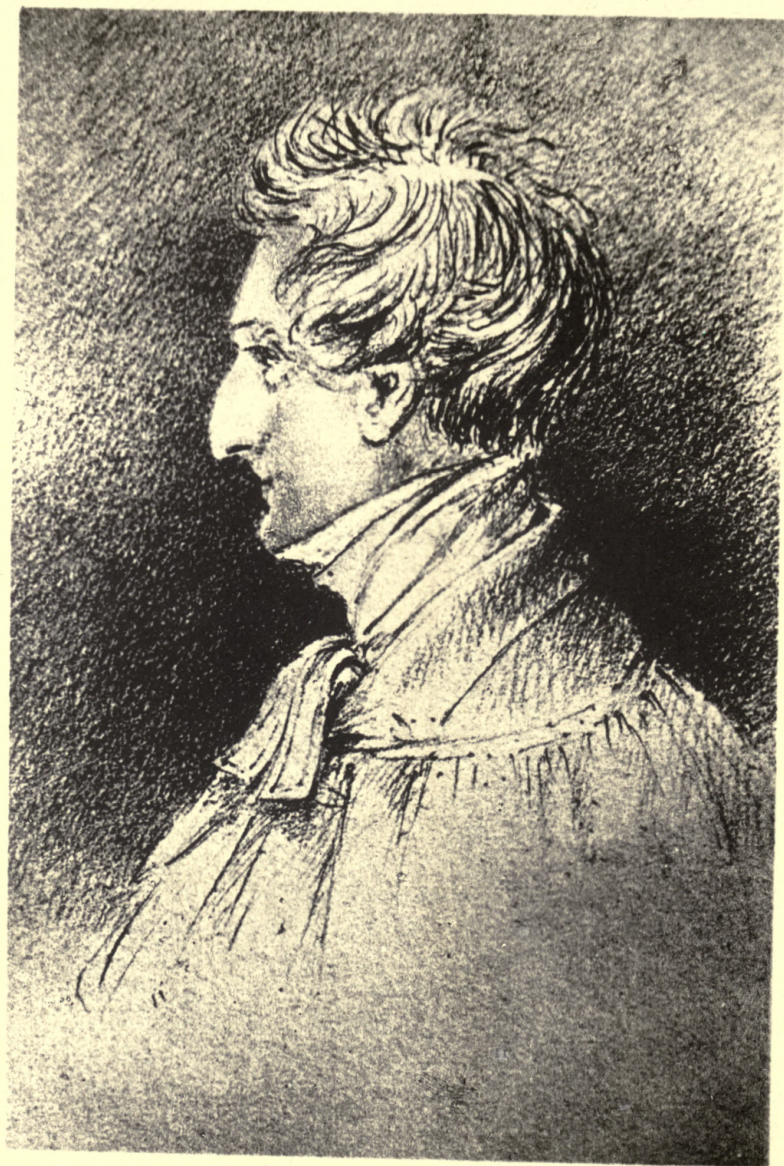
The REV. THOMAS GASKELL succeeded him on July 7, 1796, and resigned in 1818, when he went to Newton Heath. He has been described, by one who as a boy remembers him, as "a low, stiff, broad-set grey old gentleman, who was slow in his delivery and not impressable" (impressive?). He was an usher in the Manchester Grammar School, at a salary of £80, at the time he was appointed. During his ministry the first Sunday School in Stretford was opened. He resided at 13, Queen Street, St. Ann's, Manchester, and afterwards at Salford.

In 1802 the value of the living was increased by Royal Bounty £200, and a Parliamentary Grant by lot of £800.

The REV. ROBINSON ELSDALE, D.D., succeeded him on Dec. 28th, 1818. He was a Scholar of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and, after taking the degree of B.A., had been appointed in 1808 to be the second master at Manchester Grammar School, at £120 per annum, and ultimately, in 1837, became High Master, an office which he resigned in 1840. His severe discipline is described by his pupil Harrison Ainsworth in the novel *Mervyn Clitheroe*, where Mr. Elsdale is called "Mr. Cane." Mr. Elsdale, although non-resident, was devoted to his duties at Stretford, giving up to his parish his weekly half-holiday as well as Sunday. In his time the chapel was often enlarged, and he planted the trees which are in the old graveyard.

He was born at Surfleet, co. Lincoln, March 26, 1783, and died "from old age and infirmity," at Wrington, co. Somerset, August 8, 1850. Mr. Bailey and Mr. John Kendall have recorded that Mr. Elsdale's kindly intercourse with the villagers is well remembered down to the present time. Mr. David Kelly notes, in Mr. Clarke's *MS.* volume, that further particulars concerning Dr. Elsdale are given in the *In Memoriam* volume relating to the Leeves family. This volume, of which there is a copy in





REV. ROBINSON ELSDALE, D.D.,
HEAD MASTER OF MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
AND INCUMBENT OF STRETTFORD.

the Manchester Free Library, also contains a portrait of Dr. Elsdale (p. 141), and a photograph (p. 149) of Stretford Church. See also the notice of him in the third volume (pp. 8-12) of the *Manchester School Register*, 1874. He married, on July 24, 1810, Marianne, eldest daughter of the Rev. William Leeves, who was for more than fifty years rector of Wrington. Mr. Elsdale's father was the hero of Captain Marryat's *Privateersman*.

An old inhabitant describes Dr. Elsdale as "a fair-sized man, a good christian, but no delivery." He used to walk from Manchester every Sunday to conduct the services, and used also to visit his parishioners every Wednesday. When "Old Bobby Barlow" was churchwarden (1826-30) he conducted a party on foot from Stretford to Manchester, to be confirmed by the Bishop of Chester, after which Dr. Elsdale gave them refreshments at his house in Greengate, Salford. He had a room, known as the Parson's Parlour, at the Angel Inn, in Stretford.

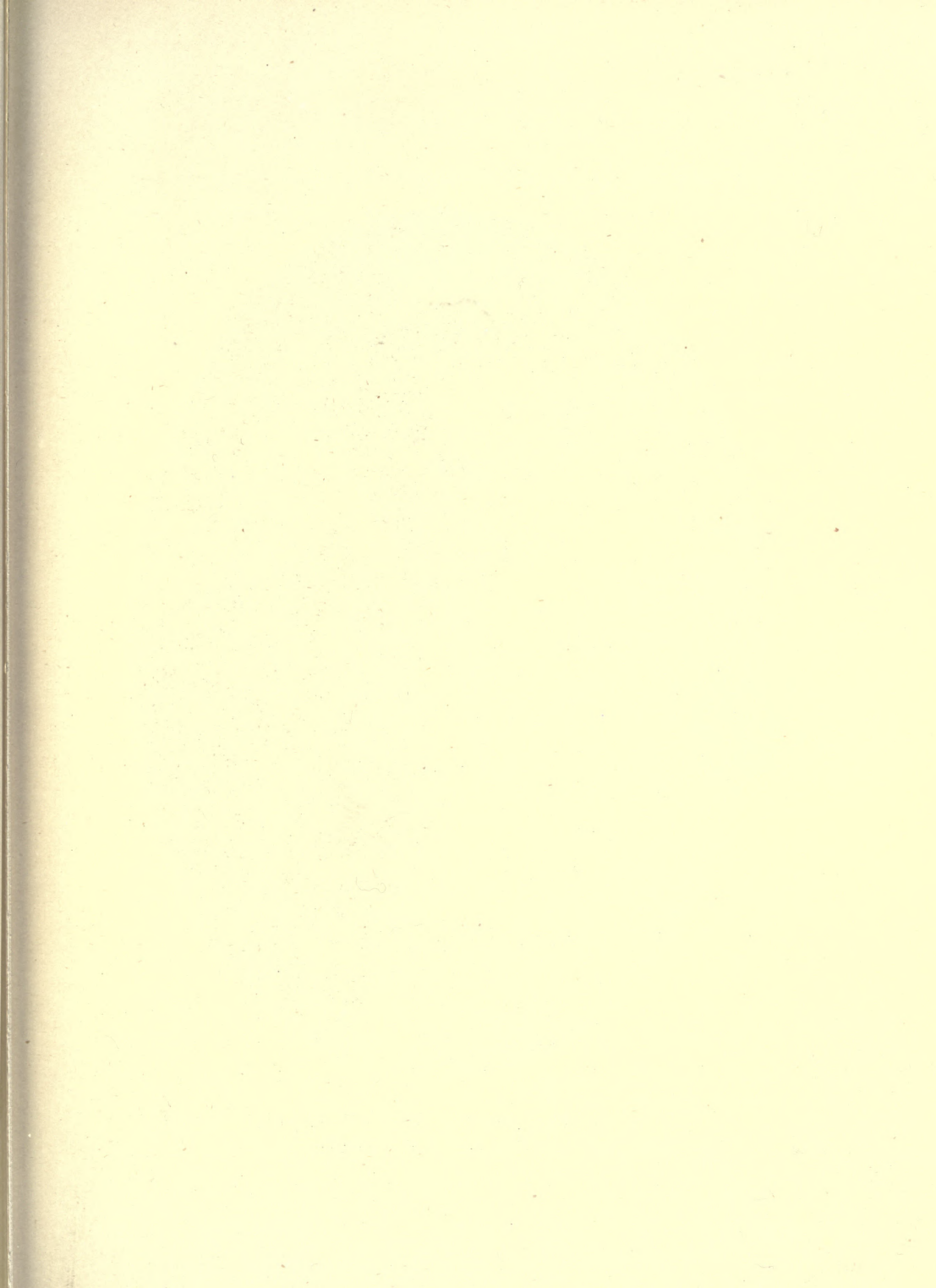
During his ministry Mr. Elsdale resided at Manchester, and the trustees of the Duke of Bridgewater Canal allowed him a free passage by packet boat to Stretford and back on Sundays. Mr. Clarke notes that this privilege had the unfortunate result that whilst preaching in the afternoon the preacher was constantly looking at his watch, out of fear of being left behind, and would on some occasions break off very abruptly, in order to be in time for the boat.

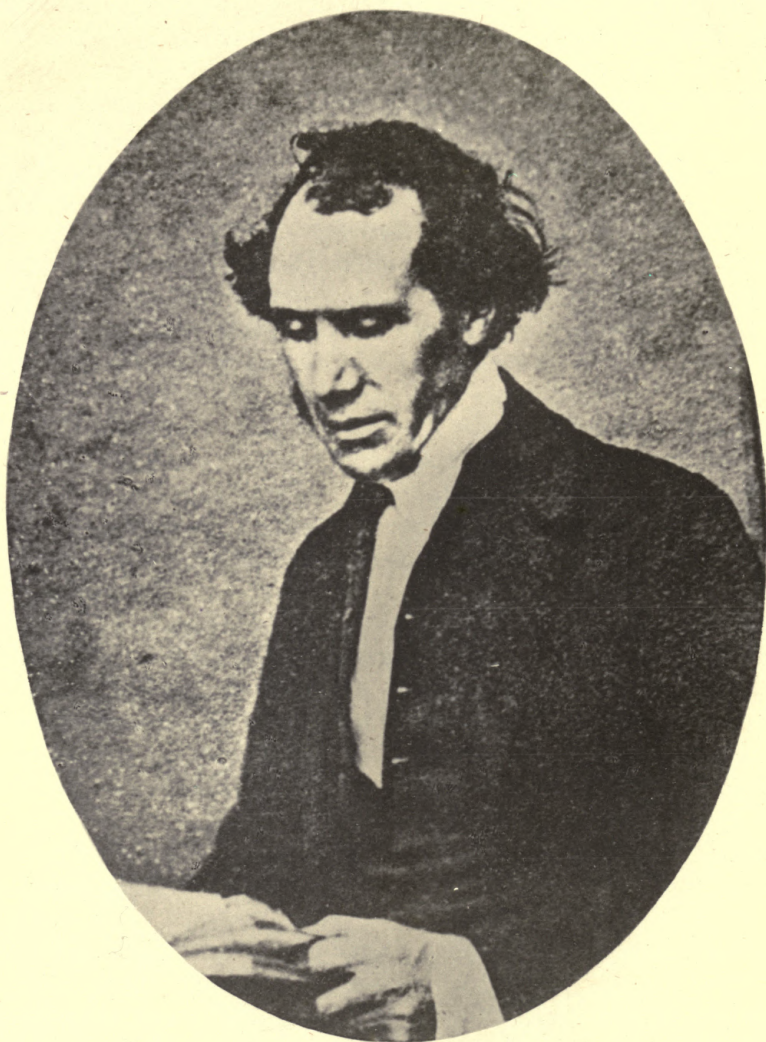
According, however, to the testimony of Mr. I. S. Pixton of Thorn Villa, Urmston, writing in 1872, "in those days there were no conveyances between Stretford and Manchester, and the Doctor [Elsdale] had to walk both ways, also visiting the sick, as well as on the Wednesday afternoon, generally calling on my mother for information on this and any other matters connected with the church. The Doctor was always very regular in his attendance, and was held in high estimation by his parishioners. During the early part of the Doctor's incumbency the population of Stretford was very small; the lower classes, for want of education, very rough and ignorant, especially in spiritual matters.

At that time it was not deemed necessary to give the humbler classes any but a very inferior education, such as was given to Mrs. Hind's charity children—known as the “green scholars,” all being dressed in green clothes. Hence the great difficulty the incumbent experienced in imparting to them spiritual instruction, besides his time being very limited, owing to his residing in Manchester.”—(Leeves *In Memoriam* volume, by Mrs. Moon, 1873, p. 164.)

The late Mr. Charles Hilditch Rickards of Seymour Grove, Old Trafford, one of Dr. Elsdale's scholars at the Manchester Grammar School, wrote in 1872 “I have a most sincere respect for the memory of the late Dr. Elsdale as a man who most conscientiously did his duty. I have a distinct recollection of seeing several of his pupils frequently walk on Sundays to service at Stretford, taking their dinners with them. This, even as a lad, impressed me with the conviction that this could only be the result of appreciative conviction of high principle.” Mr. Rickards further instances “a scholar of the name of Jackson who lived in Hulme, and who died. Dr. Elsdale visited the poor fellow and prayed with him which told greatly on the whole school. He had a great dread of his pupils catching cold from wet clothes, and this care and good nature got imposed upon by would-be truants. (*Op. cit.*, p. 163.) Mr. W. Harrison Ainsworth, notwithstanding what he had recorded in *Mervyn Clitheroe*, wrote on December 23, 1871, “For Dr. Elsdale I had the warmest attachment. He was a good man, a good Christian, a good divine, and a sound scholar. He was as strict a disciplinarian as his predecessor, Mr. Lawson, and he was as much beloved as Lawson by his pupils.”—(*Op. cit.*, p. 161.)

The REV. JAMES COX was appointed as his curate, on July 10th, 1837. Mr. Cox is described as having been a talented preacher, and a well made man, of good appearance and taking manners. Many of the congregation preferred him to Dr. Elsdale, and when the latter was piqued into a threat to discontinue





Rev. JOSEPH CLARKE, M.A.,
First Rector of Stretford.

the curate's services, the village was posted with placards "Cox or no Congregation."

The REV. WALTER BUTLER succeeded him on January 28th, 1838, with a stipend of £60 per annum. During Mr. Butler's time a Provident Society was formed for the parish.

The REV. JOSEPH CLARKE, M.A., was Dr. Elsdale's *locum tenens* from March 24, 1839, to August 30, 1850, when he was admitted as incumbent on Dr. Elsdale's death.[†]

He was born in 1811, and was educated at Heversham Free Grammar School, Westmorland; was assistant in Denbigh Grammar School at seventeen years of age, in 1828, and was third master in Bath Grammar School in 1830, and afterwards Classical and Mathematical Master at Mr. Leech's Commercial School at Ryde, Isle-of-Wight, from 1831 to 1833. He entered St. John's College, Cambridge, as a sizar, on October 11, 1833, and graduated B.A. in 1837. He was ordained directly afterwards by the Bishop of Worcester, and was curate to the Rev. W. Jeff, of Farnworth, near Warrington, until March 24, 1839, having received priest's orders January 28, 1838. On January 1, 1839, he married, at Farnworth, Mary, youngest daughter of Roger Hunter, Esq., late of Liverpool.

When he took the post of *locum tenens* at Stretford the parish had been the scene of "misunderstandings," and he notes that on the first Sunday morning of his coming over, by Mr. Elsdale's request, to officiate, the clerk did not begin to ring the bell until he arrived, and that there were only about thirty persons present during the service, and that he and his wife were left to find dinner for themselves at the Angel Inn, close by the church.

In December, 1846, he was presented with a tea service and purse value 120 guineas, in acknowledgment of his exertions,

[†] Dr. Elsdale had thirteen children. His daughter Anna M. married Dr. W. Moon, the inventor of an embossed alphabet for the blind. She died recently at Brighton.

which had resulted in the building of a new church and National schools, costing £4,500.

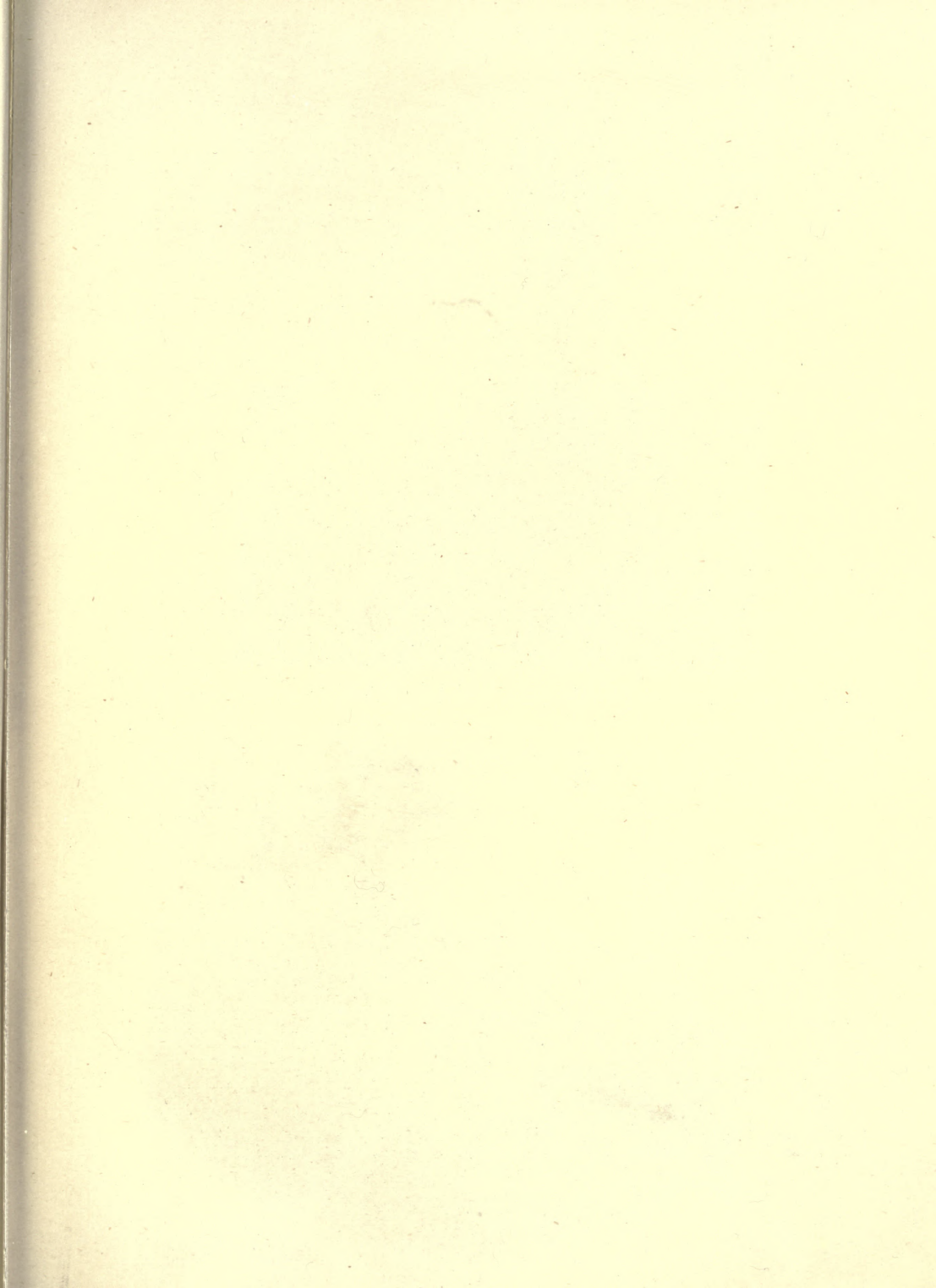
Mr. Clarke, who was Rural Dean from September 5, 1854, died February 18, 1860, aged 49.

In June, 1850, he was a passenger on board the s.s. *Orion* when it was wrecked, in smooth weather, by striking on a rock at Portpatrick, on her way from Liverpool to Glasgow. He published an account of this voyage and of the wreck (1851, second edition, cr. 8vo. pp. 81), with a frontispiece of the ship as she appeared when sinking. His parishioners congratulated him on his escape in the substantial form of 200 guineas, and also erected a public drinking fountain on the high road to commemorate the event. It was in this wreck that John Roby, the author of *Lancashire Traditions*, lost his life.

Mr. Clarke formed a quarto scrap and note book of matters relating to his church and parish, which has been drawn upon in editing this volume. The book itself is preserved in the Chetham Library.

The chapel, which was superseded in Dr. Clarke's time, was thus described in 1886 by an old inhabitant, who is now dead, but who was born about 1810 :—

There was a sundial near the gate to the chapel-yard. It was on the right hand as you entered, and that was the farmers' favourite lounge. The chapel had galleries on the south, north, and west sides. The south gallery entrance was up some steps outside, and the pews in the easterly part of it were occupied by Dr. Hulme, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Goodier, and Mr. Savage. This gallery was divided by a large partition, on the other side of which sat the charity children, girls in front and boys behind. They entered by the principal door at the south-west end of the chapel, where there was a staircase which served that part of the south gallery and also the west gallery, where the "singing pews" were, with the scholars and the choir under the supervision of Mr. Johnson. If any of the boys misbehaved, the Parish Clerk fetched them down and made them stand in the middle aisle. Old George





STRET福德 PARISH CHURCH.



Cookson, grandfather of Mr. George Cookson of Urmston Lane, old Benjamin Johnson, Mr. John Hancock, and the Parish Clerk's family, had pews in the west gallery, whence a passage led into the belfry, which was open to the church, so that the bells were rung in the sight of all. To reach the north gallery persons entered by the door at the south-east end of the chapel, and crossed the nave to a staircase near the pulpit, which was a "three-decker," with oaken sounding-board, and was furnished with big velvet cushions. The nave had one central aisle, and the churchwardens sat in the first pew on the right of the main entrance. Over the Communion Table were the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. The vestry was just behind the pulpit. The choir, on special occasions, was accompanied by a bass fiddle, a clarionette, and sometimes two, a bassoon, and two violins. Afterwards a barrel organ was purchased by subscription, and was hidden behind curtains. It was played by old Mr. Berry, and had about a dozen tunes. Many a time old Berry from behind his curtain would admonish the boys close by with a "Dal yo lads. If yo wi'n play, play quietly."

During Mr. Clarke's connection with the church the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England granted to the benefice £39 per annum, by Order of Council, gazetted October 2, 1841; and on September 30, 1841, the foundation stone of the new church was laid by Lady de Trafford, Sir Thomas Joseph de Trafford having also subscribed £100 towards the cost of the building, and given the land required.

On October 10, 1842, the new church, named St. Matthew's, was consecrated by John Bird Sumner, Bishop of Chester. The Deed of Consecration refers to the old church of St. Matthew, Stretford, and states that the new church was built on land duly conveyed to Her Majesty's Commiss^{rs} for Building New Churches, and that the rest of the land, containing 3,920 superficial square yards, had been enclosed as a cemetery, and a schedule contained rules for the maintenance of the minister, the appointment of wardens and other officers, and the regulation

of pews and pew rents. The promulgation of the Deed is attested by Henry Raikes, Chancellor, and Felix Knyvett, Secretary to the Bishop.

The new church provided for 556 persons in pews, and 351 in free seats. The building was erected from the plans of Mr. William Hayley, at a cost of £2,700.

The land on which the new church was built was called Wagstaffe Field, and was the free gift of Sir Thomas Joseph de Trafford, in marked contrast to the bigotry which had formerly prevailed between the Catholics and Protestants in the parish.

Singularly enough the week fixed upon by the Bishop of Chester for the consecration happened to be Stretford Wakes Week, which was in itself a very appropriate coincidence, but it involved clashing with the counter-attractions of the racecourse near Crossford Bridge, and the patron of the races, Sir Thomas Joseph de Trafford, is credited with having been curious enough to put his head in at the church door to ascertain with his own eyes whether the church or the racecourse were the better attended.

On November 13, 1843, the vestry was broken into, and two surplices, a bachelor's gown, and five bottles of wine were stolen.

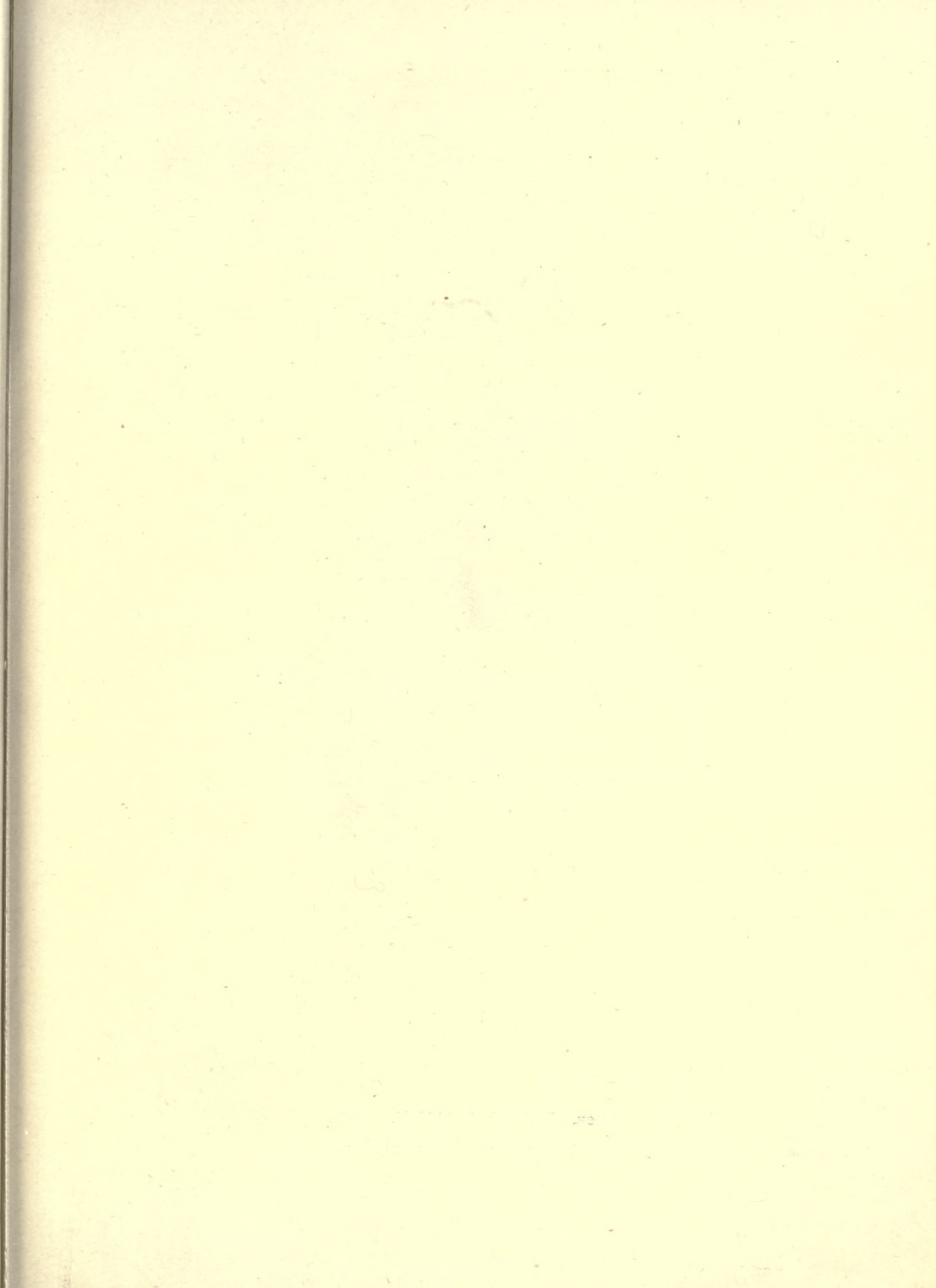
In 1854 the Chapelry was formed into a Parish.

On March 13, 1860, the REV. WILLIAM EDWARD BRENDON was admitted, and two days later was inducted. He resigned on account of ill health on July 28, 1864, and died October 1, 1864.

In 1860, the chancel was added, and rearrangements were made in the church by which 245 additional sittings were provided at a cost of £1,170.

The following inscription, cut in stone, was fixed in the outside wall, below the east window :—

This Chancel
was erected to the Memory





Rev. DUDLEY HART, M.A.,
Fourth Rector of Stretford.

of the
Revd. Joseph Clarke, M.A.,
Rector of this Parish
A.D. 1860.

The chancel, with the stained glass east window, having for its subject the Ascension, was "opened" on April 27, 1861, on which occasion the Rev. Canon Stowell preached the sermon.

On August 9, 1864, the REV. THOMAS DANIEL COX MORSE, A.K.C.L., Hon. LL.D. of St. Andrews (1887), was instituted, and resigned February 19, 1868. He was appointed vicar of Christ Church, Newgate Street, London, in 1882, and died in March, 1895. The memorial window to his eldest daughter is mentioned p. 88 *post*.

In 1864 Mr. David Kelly, churchwarden, had a stone tablet put up in the church, over the tower arch, inscribed :—

"The Parochial Chapel, built A.D. 1718, on the site of a former very ancient chapel, being too small for the increased population of the Parish, this Church was erected A.D. 1842.

Robinson Elsdale, D.D., Incumbent.

Joseph Clarke, M.A., Curate in sole charge.

George Bannister, }
William Brundrit, } Churchwardens."

The present rector, the REV. DUDLEY HART, M. A., was instituted March 10, 1868, and during his incumbency the greater part of the church has been repewed. He is M.A. of Trinity College, Dublin, and *ad eundem* M.A. of Cambridge. Before coming to Stretford he was curate of St. Mark's, Old Street, from 1854 to 1859, and of Langho, co. Lanc., from then to 1864, and of Downham from 1864 to 1868.

He was born in August, 1829, at Cambridge, and his father, who lived there, bore the same name before him. In 1860 he

married at St. George's, Hanover Square, London, Fanny Whittenbury, eldest daughter of the late Serjeant Wheeler, LL.D., D.C.L., and has three sons and five daughters. The eldest son, Dudley Frank, is a solicitor at Manchester; the second, Charles Dudley, is at Hatfield Hall, Durham; and the third, Thomas Wheeler, is M.B. of Victoria University, Manchester. Four of the daughters are married. In April, 1882, Mr. Hart was elected a Guardian for Stretford, and has been continuously re-elected. His only senior on the Board is Mr. Noah Robinson, of Worsley, who was first elected in April, 1865. Mr. Hart has been Chairman of each Committee in turn, and was appointed Chairman of the Board in 1891. His efforts resulted in the erection of a new Infirmary at the Workhouse, and as Chairman of the Out-relief Committee, whose work is always one of the greatest difficulty, he has combined firmness with tact, and given great satisfaction to all.

On the left on entering the church, beneath the tower, there is a stone tablet bearing the following inscription:—

“Mrs. Emm Bate, of this township, who died Sept. 10, 1842, by her will left £300, which is invested in the Three per Cent. Consols, one half of the interest to be spent in Bread for the poor communicants, and the other to be devoted to the Stretford Church Sunday Schools, at the discretion of the Trustees and the Rector and Wardens for the time being.”

Mrs. Bate was baptised August 4, 1754, and was the daughter of William Moss, of the Angel Inn, and Elizabeth his wife, and was buried *in* the old roofless chapel, September 13, 1842.

On the opposite side of the entrance is another stone tablet, inscribed:—

“This church was enlarged by public subscription in the year of our Lord 1861, when the additional sittings were provided at a cost of £1,170.

William Edward Brendon, M.A., Rector.
William Holliday Cornforth, } Churchwardens."
Thomas Brundrit, }

"In the year 1869 the Body of this church was repewed at a cost of £328, the same being the gift of Henry Hayes, Esq., of Myrtle Lodge, Edge Lane, in this Parish.

Dudley Hart, M.A., Rector.
John Wreaks, } Churchwardens."
Thomas Whitehead, }

"At the close of the year 1870 a peal of [five] bells, presented by Henry Hayes, Esq., in memory of his beloved wife, who died August 17, 1868, was added to this church."

The old bell, which was taken out of the chapel in 1842, was sold to the late Mr. Peter Leigh, ironmonger, of Salford, and Mr. J. E. Bailey, in 1877, unsuccessfully tried to trace it.—(Lanc. and Ches. *Local Gleanings*, *Manchester Courier*, No. 652, p. 150 of reprint.

Galleries run along three sides, and the north and south sides are lighted by twelve lancet windows, six on each side, in addition to which there are three small lancet windows, filled with stained glass, beneath the tower. The reading desk, lectern, and pulpit are of wood, and severely plain. The organ is on the north side of the chancel, and behind it is the vestry. A small side chapel, or recess, lies on the south side. At the east end, in the chancel, is a window with three lancet lights, filled with stained glass representing the Ascension, with a dedication at the foot, which reads:—

"In memory of the Rev. Joseph Clarke, M.A., first Rector of the new Parish of St. Matthew's, Stretford, who died February 18, 1860. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Matt., xiii. 43."

A smaller lancet window in the north wall of the chancel is filled with stained glass representing the Crucifixion, with a dedication at the foot :—

“In memory of Joseph Frederick, the beloved son of Joseph and Mary Stanley ; born June 30, 1852 ; died December 5, 1860.”

The corresponding window in the south wall is filled with a representation of the Resurrection, and is without inscription.

The side chapel, or recess, has two small lancet lights in the south wall, with allegorical figures and inscriptions, that to the east being :—

“In memory of Jane, the beloved wife of James Swindells, died 1867,”

and the one to the west :—

“In memory of Annie Maria, wife of W. W. Hubble, and only surviving child of Thomas and Anne Whitehead, died 1867.”

To the right is a window with the figure of The Good Shepherd, and an inscription :—

“To the Glory of God and in memory of Alethea Kate, eldest daughter of the Rev. T. D. C. Morse.”

and another with a figure of one of the Wise Virgins, inscribed :—

“Be ye Ready also.

“To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bessie Mellor, who died March 20, 1882.”

To the right, on the east wall of the nave, is a tablet :—

“Sacred to the memory of William Brundrit of Stretford, Nurseryman, who during the last nineteen years of his life was a most faithful warden of this church. He died August 25, 1858, aged 72 years.”

The rest of the eulogistic inscription records that it was erected by voluntary contributions.

Of the windows along the south side the most easterly is ornamented with glass representing the Man with Great Possessions and his Good Master, with the quotation "Jesus looking upon him loved him." (St. Mark, x. 21.)

"To the Glory of God and in loving memory of her beloved husband, Thomas Brundrit (late of Longford Bridge Farm), and of Thomas their only son, this window is erected by Ellen Brundrit, A.D. 1897."

The next window takes the Good Samaritan for its subject, and the inscriptions are :—

"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was, and when he saw him he had compassion on him."

"To the Glory of God and in memory of Henry Hayes of Myrtle Lodge [Edge Lane], who died May 27, 1887."

The next shows the Good and Faithful Servant, and is inscribed :—

"St. Matthew, xxv. 23.

"To the Glory of God and in memory of Joseph Hampson, for 54 years clerk of this church. A.D. 1881."

The remaining three windows on that side are left plain, and so are the most westerly on the north side. The other four on the north side are filled with stained glass, and running from west to east are inscribed :—

I.

"I fear no evil, for thou art with me. (Ps. xxiii. 4.)

"An affectionate memorial of Margaret, the very dear wife of George Stevenson, M.D., of Stretford."

II.

"Take this child away and nurse it for me. (Ex., ii. 9.)

"To the Glory of God and in loving remembrance of Ioseph Brundrit, who died March 30, 1853, aged 62; also Ellen, his wife, who died June 14, 1871, aged 66, this window is placed by their adopted children, Mary Elizabeth [Haslehurst] and Clarissa Ellen [Slyman], A.D. 1872."

III.

"The maid is not dead, but sleepeth.

"To the Glory of God and in memory of Maggie Shepherd Heywood, who died May the 10th, 1881, aged 14 years.

IV.

"They constrained him, saying, Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.

"To the Glory of God and in memory of Richard and Mary Ann Hartley, and Eleanor their daughter. A.D. M.DCCC.XCVII."

On the east wall of the nave, adjoining the chancel, is a tablet, inscribed :—

"This tablet is erected by the united contributions of rich and poor, from a deep sense of gratitude, to the memory of George Bannister, late of Edge House, Stretford, who died September 6, 1854, aged 56 years."

The rest is eulogistic, and shows that "he was one of the churchwardens during the last fifteen years of his life, and on all occasions his minister's faithful friend," and that he presided over the Board of Guardians of the Barton-upon-Irwell Union.

The Rector's vestry has a brass plate let into the eastern wall, inscribed :—

✠ "To the Glory of God and in commemoration of the Jubilee of this church, this vestry was enlarged and refurnished by Mary Elizabeth Haslehurst and [her sister] Clarissa Ellen Slyman, October 10, 1893."

The tower contains six bells, the largest of which weighs thirty-two hundred-weight, and is lettered round the upper part "Thomas Mears the Founder, London." The others were "Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1870," and the treble bell bears the additional lettering on the body, "These five bells were presented to St. Matthew's Church, Stretford, by Henry Hayes, Esq., Myrtle Lodge, Stretford, 1870. Rev. Dudley Hart, Rector, John Wreaks, Thomas Whitehead, Churchwardens."

The church plate comprises a tall flagon of plain silver, inscribed, "The gift of Joshua Taylor, 1770," with the year Hall mark for 1769 on the body, and a more recent year mark on the lid.¹ The rest of the older plate, namely, three silver chalices, two about twelve inches high, and one about eight inches high, and three silver patens, two about six inches diameter, and the other about three inches, was stolen and never recovered, on the occasion (November 20, 1885) of the consecration of All Saints Mission Church, Herbert Street, as a Chapel-of-Ease.

The *Manchester Recorder* states that in 1706 four large silver flagons were presented to the Collegiate Church of Manchester, on Sunday, April 4th, and the four old ones of pewter were given to Gorton, Stretford, Newton, and Didsbury. According to a note made on p. 174 of the *M.S.* volume compiled by the Rev. J. Clarke, this pewter flagon was shortly afterwards exchanged for a silver one given by the Rev. Richard Wroe, D.D., the "silver-tongued" Fellow and Warden of the Collegiate Church at Manchester, inscribed "R. Wroe, S.T.P. Stretford Chappel, 1707," and this "large silver Sacramental cup" was still in use when Mr. J. E. Bailey, in 1882, published vol. ii. of *The Palatine Note Book*, with a portrait and article on the Rev. Dr. Wroe. Another "very handsome cup," Mr. Clarke notes, was given by Mrs. Scott of Ashfield House, Cross Street, Stretford, and was inscribed "Presented by Mrs. Scott for the use of the Parochial Church of Stretford, Dec. 10, 1843."

¹ Joshua Taylor was chapel-warden in 1769, and lived in a farmhouse which was taken down in 1855, near the "Waters Meeting."

There is also a plain silver paten with beaded rim and three short feet. This bears the year mark for 1821, and is inscribed "Presented to Stretford Chapel by the Rev. R. Elsdale, M.A., Incumbent, 1821." A modern engraved paten or plate, without inscription, with the year mark for 1881, and a flagon matching the paten, and bearing the year mark for 1875, is also without inscription, while two chalices (to match the flagon and paten), one with the year mark 1881, and the other 1875, complete the existing list.

There are four silver-headed wardens' staves, two with black staves shorter and older than the other two, which are malacca coloured. The latter are engraved on the top "St. Matthew's Church, Stretford, 1842," with the year mark for 1841, and the older two are engraved round the stem "Stretford, 1719," without any hall mark. One of these older staves is sadly battered, and its condition is probably due not to rousing sleepers during too long sermons, but to the custom thus recorded by Mr. John Kendall, a warden about 25 years ago: "On most fine Sunday mornings we left our pew at the earliest moment consistent with decency, and leisurely perambulated the village, inspecting the various public-houses and satisfying ourselves that there were no thirsty poultry at 'The Cock,' and that 'Bishop Blaze' [now the Talbot] had recovered from his week-end revels. Once, with Thomas Whitehead, George Tate, and John Wreaks as my colleagues, we rapped at the door of 'The Talbot' with our silver-headed staves and demanded admission. When the door was at length furtively opened, the maid, evidently new to her work, held up both hands in pious horror, and, addressing Mr. Wreaks, exclaimed 'I am very sorry, gentlemen, you can't come in. I can't fill you anything.'"

In the year 1840, the Stretford chapel-wardens took summary proceedings before the Justices for the recovery of the Church ley from several ratepayers. The Justices, however, dismissed the cases on the ground that it had not been proved to be a parochial chapelry. The chief opponent was Mr. John Owen, a

solicitor, who resided at Holly Bank, at the Old Trafford end of the township. Research was made, and a Case was submitted to Dr. Joseph Phillimore, of Doctors' Commons, who stated that in his opinion the chapel was a parochial chapel, and the repairs of the chapel were to be done by rates on the residents within the chapelry, and such rates if resisted could only be enforced by ecclesiastical authority ; that the inhabitants had the power of electing a chapel-warden who could lay a rate, and if that rate was resisted the magistrates had no jurisdiction. When the full facts were submitted to Mr. Owen, he admitted their force and paid the rate.

Mr. Clarke has tabulated the gradually increasing income of this cure thus:—

Before 1650. An *allowance* from the Rectory of Manchester.

Afterwards settled maintenance 11s. 2d., surplice fees

10s., voluntary contributions of inhabitants £10,

[illegible]

1717. Augmented by Queen Ann's Bounty to - - 13 1 0

1768. £12 from Bounty lands, £14 pew rents (uncertain) - - - - - 26 0 0

1786. With £4 interest on £200, and pew rents £17,
and fees £2 - - - - - - 49 0 0

1802. £40 land, pew rents uncertain [say £17], and
fees £2 - - - - - - - 59 0 0

1812. £48 land, seats and dues £20	-	-	-	68	0	0
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1822. Dr. Elsdale stated the living to be worth - 130 0 0

1840-1849. Pew rents	-	-	484	13	7
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Yearly average	-	48	9	4
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Dues, fees, grant, &c. - 99 6 0

Yearly average	-	9 18 9
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Lands (taxes and some

repairs deducted) - 914 17 3

Yearly average	-	91	9	9
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Rev. W. H. Brendon [Rector of Stretford, 1860-4], 26 acres, 1 rod, 33 poles; value £48 7s. [Culcheth.]

Rev. Dudley Hart, 8 acres, 2 rods, 32 poles; value £43 10s. [Flixton 1 acre, 3 rods, 34 poles; and Urmston 6 acres, 2 rods, 6 poles.]

VIEWS.

A view of the present church, as seen from the Chester Road, appeared in *Manchester Faces and Places* (vol. iv. No. 1), in October, 1892. It was from a photograph by John Scotson of Stretford.

A woodcut view of the old chapel, which was built in 1718, superseded in 1842, and pulled down in 1844, is given in Mr. Bailey's *Old Stretford*, p. 44, and is evidently copied from a lithograph by T. Physick of Manchester, of which a specimen is preserved in Mr. Clarke's *MS.* volume, from which a collotype copy has been made for this work.

All Saints' Mission Church, in Herbert Street, Stretford (*ante*, p. 91), has since 1894 been under the ministration of the Rev. Arthur William McLaren (Durham, B.A. 1884, M.A. 1887), as curate to the rector, Mr. Hart. Several of the views in the village which illustrate this History are from photographs taken by Mr. McLaren.

St. Thomas, as the chapel at the Blind Asylum is called, and St. Brides' Church in Shrewsbury Street, near Brooks' Bar, are described in the Chapter on Places (*post*, vol. iii.).

CHAPTER III.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF THE MANCHESTER CLASSIS.

THE following entries relating to Stretford in the Minutes of the Presbyterian Classis of Manchester are extracted from the volumes edited for the Chetham Society by W. A. Shaw, M.A. (New Series, vols. 20, 22, 24.)

1647, March 16. (2nd Meeting.) Petition exhibited by many of Stretford for one Hugh Newton to bee their minister. Hee is to come to the next meeting and bring certificate, &c., according to the Ordinance; in the meantime hee is required to forbear preaching. [No further mention of Mr. Newton occurs in the Minutes. The Editor refers to Heywood's *Diaries*, vol. ii. pp. 11, 103.]

1648, September. (23rd Meeting.) Mr. Thomas Nicholson offred himself to ordinacon. It was required that hee bringe a certificate that hee hath taken the Nationall covennt, and a testimoniell from the Classis where hee hath lived of his life and conversacon, and of his Diligence and proficiencie in his studie. Hee desired approbacon to preach at Stretford, but the Classis did not assent to approbacon before examinacion.

[Nothing further concerning Mr. Nicholson appears in the Minutes. Mr. Shaw (*op. cit.*, vol. iii. p. 443) notes from the Register of Edinburgh Graduates "28 July, 1648. Thomas Nicolsonus," and from the Manchester Parish Registers "1676, July 7. Tho. son of Tho. Nicholson, late of Hope in the Co. of Derby." This Thomas Nicholson was described by the Parliamentary Commissioners of 1650 as Minister of Fairfield [near

Buxton] parochial chapelry of Hope, "reputed an honest man" (Cox, *Churches of Derbyshire*, vol. ii. p. 259). The Manchester Court Leet Records show that on August 14, 1638, Tho. Nicolson with John Nicolson of Manchester and Robert Clough of Blakeley gave bond to John Radclyff, Boroughreeve of Manchester, against Thomas and his family becoming chargeable to the town (vol. iii. p. 276), and his name frequently occurs until 1662. He was periodically fined for breaking the Assize of Ale and Beer, and for allowing his swine to trespass or go unyoked. He is also described as "gent."; in April, 1653, he was "sworne" in respect of his purchase of William Crompton's messuage in the Milnegate, and in October, 1661, took the oath of allegiance. In 1659 he lived in Millgate, and paid 1s. 6d. Poor Rate and 4d. Church Ley. (*Manchester Constables' Accounts*, vol. ii. pp. 240, 254.)

1649, September 11. (36th Meeting.) Mr. Benson [minister of Chorlton] is to give notice to [Mr. Odcroft] the minister at Stretford that hee may appear before the next Classe at Manchester, y^e second Tuesday in October next.

1849, October 9. (37th Meeting.) Mr. Benson is desired to give notice to the minister of Stretford to appeare before the next Classe at Manchester, the second Tuesday in November next.

1649, November 13. (38th Meeting.) A summons drawne up to require Mr. Odcroft, the minister at Stretford, to appeare before the Classe at Manchester, the second Tuesday in December next.

1649, December 11th. (39th Meeting.) Mr. Hollinworth [minister of Manchester] intreated to confer with Mr. Odcroft, Preacher at Stretford [who had not obeyed the summons].

1650, January 8. (40th Meeting.) Mr. Hollinworth is yet further desired to conferre with Mr. Odcrofte, the Preacher at Stretforde.

1650, November 12. (50th Meeting.) A summons to be sent to Mr. Odcroft, Preacher at Stretford. [He did not obey the summons.]

1651, May 13. (56th Meeting.) Evan Clarke [Register of the Classis] is appointed to goe to Mr. Odcroft to tell him that the Classe expects his attendance the second Tuesday in June next, as alsoe to speak to Mr. Benson to see what hee can say concerneinge the course Mr. Odcroft houlds in makeinge clandestine wedings, Baptizeinge children, and concerneinge his liffe and conversacon.

1651, June 10. (57th Meeting.) Samuel Tayler [of Chorlton] speakeinge somethinge concerneinge Mr. Odcroft, is further desired to enquire of witnesses what any can testifie about his makeinge unlawfull marriages, baptizeinge of children, or if hee bee scandalouse in his liffe and conversacon.

Evan Clarke brought Mr. Odcroft's answeare in writeinge, and it was deferred to Thursday the next monethly meetinge.

1651, July 8. (58th Meeting.) Mr. Warden [Richard Heyrick of Manchester] is desired to request the assistance of some Justice of Peace in relacon to the Ordinance of Parliam^{tt} concerneinge Mr. Odcroft's contempte of the Classe.

Agreed that warrants bee sent forth to require some witnesses to come before the Classe to testifie what they can concerneinge Mr. Odcroft.

1651, August 12. (59th Meeting.) Ordred that an Instrum^{tt} or *Si quis* bee given to Mr. Francis to bee affixt on the Chappell doore at Stretford. [He came with a discharge from Lambly (Notts.), and a pretended call to Great Budworth.]

1651, November 11. (61st Meeting.) Mr. Arthure Francis returned his Instrument affixed and subscribed.

Mr. Francis is to mainteyne his thesis the seacond Tuesday in December next.

Mr. Francis is to bee ordeyned at Stretford the tenth day of December next. Mr. Meeke [minister of Salford] to preach, Mr. Angier [minister of Denton] to give the exhortacon and to pray at the Ordination. Mr. Harison [minister of Ashton-under-Lyne], Mr. Walker [minister of Newton], to pray. Notice thereof to bee given to the severall congregations within this Classe. Mr. Francis to preach the next Classe.

Mr. Arthur Francis was ordained accordingly, December 10th, and received letters testimonial of such his ordination in the usuall forme, viz. :—

Whereas Mr. Arthur Francis, aged about 25 yeares . . . hath addressed himselfe . . . in the church of Stretford, in the County of Lanc^r, as by . . . and haveinge likewise taken the Nationall Coven^{tt} . . . & exhibited sufficient . . . exercise thereof in the Church of Stretford, in the Countie aforesaid . . . sett our hands the tenth day of December, an^o dni 1651.

Apud Stretford in Com. Lanc.

Signed by John Angier, John Harison, Wm. Meeke, John Walker, James Walton [minister of Blackley], Edm. Jones [minister of Eccles].

1651, December 9. (62nd Meeting.) Mr. Francis preached before the Classe according to order.

Mr. Francis maintayned his thesis :—

"An Christus plane satisfecit pro peccatis electorum." Affir. Def., and was ordeyned at Stretford the 10th day of December, *ut supra*.

[Mr. Francis attended the 63rd Meeting, signed the Letter of Ordination of Joseph Ottiwell of Chelford at the 64th, and at the 66th was selected to preach at an exercise to be held at Ringley on April 28.]

1652, June 8. (68th Meeting.) Mr. Francis preached before the Classe upon request.

Agreed that a fast shall bee at Stretford the 23rd day of June instant ; Mr. Hollinworth, Mr. Holland [minister of Ringley] to preach.

1653-4, January 10. (85th Meeting.) Mr. [Ralph] Nuttall [of Stretford] sent unto to appeare the next Classe.¹

¹ In 1649, April, the people of Rivington (in the second Classis of Lancashire) presented a petition, desiring that Mr. Nuttall might be their minister. At the following meeting of the Classis he was approved. He officiated there in 1650. (*Survey*, p. 35.)

1654, February 14. (86th Meeting.) Mr. Nuttall appeared, gave an account of his being minister and officiating at Stretford, but not probable to continue above one day longer. Mr. Nuttall to preach the next Classis.

1654, March 14. (87th Meeting.) Mr. Nuttall preached before the Classe according to order.

1654, September 12. (92nd Meeting.) It is agreed that these Ministers whose names are subscribed bee desired to attend the Classe at Manchester, the seacond Tuesday in November next. . . . Mr. Nuttall of Stretford. [He did not attend.]

1655, May 8. (99th Meeting.) Mr. Nuttall, minister at Stretford, attended, but no elders.

1655, August 14, September 11, December 11. (102nd, 103rd, 106th Meetings.) Mr. Scoles, as minister at Stretford, attended, but no elder, and this was the case at the 108th, 109th, 110th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 119th, 120th Meetings.

1657, April 14th. (122nd Meeting.) Agreed that a letter bee sent to Stretford concerneinge Mr. Scoles leaveinge them.

1657, May 12. (123rd Meeting.) Mr. Scoles attended, but no elder. Mr. Jeremiah Scoles, minister at Stretford (by a generall consent of the Classe), was dismissed from the congregation at Stretford.

1658, April 13. (135th Meeting.) Mr. Richardson, minister at Stretford, attended. No elder.

1658, May 11. (136th Meeting.) Mr. Richardson, minister at Stretford, attended. No elder.

Agreed that an exercise bee at Stretford the fourth Tuesday in July next.

Mr. Edward Richardson, Bachelor in Arts, aged about 24 yeares, tendred himselfe to ordination, his testimonialls being called for and hee had them not, was put on to send for them, and to bring them at the next Classe. He was examined in Greeke, Logicke, Phisicks, Ethicks, Metaphisicks, and so farr approved ; he had his question given him to bring his posicon upon the next Classe : "*An sola scriptura sit summa judex omnium controversium fidei.*" Affir. def.

1658, June 12. (137th Meeting.) Mr. Richardson brought in his testimoniall of his faire call to Stretford, signed by the people there; hee likewise brought in his Thesis, and mainteyned a Dispute upon the question that was given him the last Classe, hath been examined in Divinity, Ecclesiastical History, Cronologie, and was approved, and his Instrument was granted, to bee affixt on the Church Doore at Stretford, accordinge to order, and to bee returned the next Classe.

Agreed that the exercise that was appointed to be at Stretford the fourth Tuesday in July bee at Flixton the third Tuesday.

1658, July 13. (138th Meeting.) Mr. Richardson to bee ordeyned at Stretford, the 28th day of July instant. Mr. Jones to preach, Mr. Newcome to give the exhortacon and to pray at the imposicon of hands.

Ordination by the Presbyters of the first Classis in the County of Lancaster of Mr. Edward Richardson, expectant, at Stretford, the 27th day of July, anno 1658.

Preparacon for the s^d ordinacon accordinge to the Ordinance being made, and just satisfaction being given to the Classe of his age, degrees in the Universitie, good life, and free call to the congregation, certificates of some of w^{ch} things remain upon the file, as alsoe upon examination hee being approved for his abilities and fitness for the worke, all w^{ch} appeare in the three precedent Classicall Meetinges upon the 27th day of July aforesaid, being appointed a fast for this present Busines at Stretford, Mr. Jackson began with prayer, Mr. Jones preached, Mr. Leigh went on with prayer, Master Newcome propounded the Questions to the said Mr. Richardson. Hee did before the congregacon make publicke confession of his faith, and made such Declaracon as was requisite in all things soe propounded accordinge to the ordinance; with earnest prayer hee was solemnly sett apart to the worke of the Ministry by imposicon of the hands of the Presbyters. Exhortacon was given to him and to the People touching their mutuall duties by the aforesaid Mr. Newcome, according to the appointm^{ts} of the Classis, and after hee had his

Testimonials given him of such his ordinacon according to the usuall forme, viz. :—

Whereas Mr. Edw. Richardson, aged about 24 yeares, hath, &c., in the Church of Stretford. . . .

Apud Stretford, July 27, 1658.

Signed by—

William Leigh, Moderator.

Edmund Jones.

[Minister of Gorton.]

[Minister of Eccles.]

Henry Newcome.

James Jackson.

[Minister of Manchester.]

[Minister of Chorlton.]

Robert Constantyne.

Robert Browne.

[Minister of Oldham.]

[Minister of Manchester.]

1658, December 14. (143rd Meeting.) Agreed that an exercise bee at Stretford the third Wednesday in February next.

1659, January 11. (144th Meeting.) Mr. Richardson, minister at Stretford, attended, but no elder.

Agreed that the exercise that was appointed for Stretford the third Wednesday in February, to bee put off till the third Wednesday in March next.

At the 145th Meeting Mr. Richardson absent, and no excuse sent in by him. At the 146th Meeting he was appointed to preach at the next Meeting; he attended and preached accordingly, and at the 146th, 147th, and six following Meetings, Mr. Richardson attended, also the 156th, 158th, and five following Meetings, ending with the 163rd on August 4th, 1660, with which the Meetings of the Classis terminated.

CHAPTER IV.

PARISH OFFICIALS.

THE following Lists of Constables from 1698 to 1745 ; of Overseers from 1694 to 1745 ; and of Churchwardens from 1711 to 1776, are copied from vol. i. of the Churchwardens' Accounts. The Constables were nominated by the Court Baron Grand Jury, and appointed by the Lord of the Manor.

CUNSTABLES OF STRETFORD FROM Y^E YEAR 1697.

- [1636, October 12. William Moss was sworn at the Manchester Court Leet as Constable for Stretford. (Earwaker's *Court Leet Records*, vol. iii. p. 245.)]
- [1641. Thomas Gilbodye and Ralph Mosse. (*Palatine Note Book*, vol. i. p. 83.)]
- 1698. Tho. Chadwick and Rich^d Duckworth for the Gorsehill house, they went on 8b^r [October] 1698.
- 1699. Rich^d Haighs and Tho. Moors.
- 1700. Tho. Moss and Ralph Barlowe.
- 1701. Tho. Moss and John Johnson.
- 1702. George Richardson and Tho. Baxter.
- 1703. Rich^d Gee and Peter Howard.
- 1704. John Barlow and Tho. Davenport.
- 1705. Henry Davie and Wm. Falkner for John Roscoes.
- 1706. John Falkner and Edm^d Smith for Mr. Dickonsons.
- 1707. . . . Pearson and Tho. Smith for his own house.
- 1708. John Harrison for Falkners and Isack Bradshaw for his own house, went on 8b^r [October] 1708.

- 1709. John Harrison for his own house and Jonothan Hulme
for Mr. Bent's and for his own house.
- 1710. Jam. Chadwick and John Shawcross.
- 1711. James Davie and Edw^d Crowther for Turrmoss.
- 1712. Tho. Moors and James Barlow.
- 1713. John Barlow and Wm. Falkner.
- 1714. John Astingstol and Tho. Barlow.
- 1715. John Harrison for Sharlock's, and Sam^l Johnson.
- 1716. Tho. Hulme and John Moss.
- 1717. Tho. Newton and John Barker.
- 1718. Rich^d Mason for Gorsehill and James Green.
- 1719. Tho. Taylor of Moss Lane and George Barker *alias*
Robinson.
- 1720. Tho. Royle for Thornhil estate and Wm. Roscow, went
on 7b^r, 1720.
- 1721. George Richardson and Francis Johnson.
- 1722. John Barlow and Peter Owen.
- 1723. Will^m Moss and Thurstan Barlow.
- 1724. Tho. Chadwick and Jonath. Royle.
- 1725. James Barlow for Dickinson Estate and Jonathan Tip-
ping.
- 1726. . . . Davie and Jacob Brundrit.
- 1727. James Crowther and John Knight.
- 1728. Tho. Chadwick for Radcliffes and John Moss de Cheppel.
- 1729. Sam^l Johnson and John Shawcross.
- 1730. John Knight and Jonathan Lowe.
- 1731. Tho. Chadwick for Davenport and James Crowther for
Toade Lane.
- 1732. John Moss and Wm. Falkner.
- 1733. James Crowther for Sherlocks and Josiah Howarth for
Lostock.
- 1734. Wm. Chadwick and Edward Barlow.
- 1735. George Statham for Crowfield Yate and Peter Hampson
for the Edges.
- 1736. Joshua Jones and Tho. Hampson, Butt Lane.

- 1737. Rich^d Gooding for Gorsehill and Joneth. Hulme of Lostock.
- 1738. Rich^d Gooding for Andrew Pixton and Joseph Twiss for Newton's Estate.
- 1739. Joshua Taylor and James Darbishire.
- 1740. John [James deleted] Thornhill and James Moors.
- 1741. Edm^d Bradshaw and Tho. Worseley.
- 1742. ["*alias* James Barker" inserted in 1743] Rich^d Richardson and William Moss, 8br.
- 1743. James Tongue and Jonethen Jackson.
- 1744. George Massey and William Mason *alias* Greatrix.
- 1745. Wm. Mason and Tho. Hampson, Great Stone.

Here the list ends, as if the disturbances of the '45 had diverted the recorder's attention.

The names of the Constables from September, 1837, to February, 1869, are continued in the Extracts from the Vestry Minute Book, *vide post*, vol. ii.

The duties of the Constables included that of forwarding rogues and vagabonds and others with passes from place to place, and in the Accounts of the Constables of the adjacent town of Manchester there are many entries relating to Stretford, such as those following, which are extracted from Mr. Earwaker's printed volumes.

- 1612, Oct. 25. Itm. p^d for watchinge of George Holme of Heaton Norrisse, and for twoe to bringe him to the Cuntstables of Stretford - - - o i 4
- 1613, Nov. 7. Itm. p^d to Allexander Chadwicke for caryinge a p^rcept to Stretford to take one James Blomeleye alls kinge which had broken the Caige [Lock-up] that Morninge beeing sett theare for mysdemenor - - - - - o o 4
- „ Dec. 8. Itm. p^d to John Parker and Robert Wollwarcke ffor Caryinge one Thomas Burges a

	prisonner to Stretford for Stealinge of A Nagge,	li	s.	d.
	w ^{ch} prisonner was deliuered theare to Sir George			
	Boothe to bee sent to Chester Gayole	-	-	o 2 o
1617,	Ap. 9. Paied for sendinge of a Cripple to Stret-			
	fordd in a Carte	-	-	xviij ^d
"	Ap. 20. Paied for sendinge of one Margerie Wal-			
	ter of Dreton in a Carte beinge a Criples and			
	her Daughter beinge seeke to stretforde	-	-	xxij ^d
"	June 10. Paied for sendinge one willm. forster			
	beinge a Crippell from manchester to Stretforde			
	in a Carte	-	-	xviij ^d
1617-8,	Jan. 26. Itm. paid to Ottiwell weighall for			
	bringinge of a Rog to the Constables of Stret-			
	ford who had been whipped in Salford	-	-	oo oo 4
"	Feb. 7. Itm. paid to John Dawson bringe a boy			
	to the Constables of Stretford	-	-	oo oo o3
"	Oct. 17. Itm. for lodginge and meate for a lame			
	woman who had a passe to travaile to Chester,			
	and for a Cart for carryinge her to the Con-			
	stables of Stretford	-	-	oo o1 o6
1618,	Ap. 14. for bringinge of Six Roges to the Con-			
	stables of Stretford	-	-	oo oo 8
"	June 3. for bringinge of a Roge to the Consta-			
	bles of Stretford	-	-	oo oo 3
"	June 5. [Ditto]	-	-	oo oo 3
"	July 20. [Ditto]	-	-	oo oo 3
"	Oct. 30. for whippinge of willm. Taylior and for			
	his passe and sendinge him to the Constable of			
	Stretford	-	-	x ^d
"	Nov. 10. [Ditto, Edward Evins]	-	-	x ^d
"	" 23. [Ditto, Humfrey ffloid and Anne his			
	wiffe]	-	-	xiiij ^d
1621,	May 14. for carieinge a Criples woman to Stret-			
	ford vpon a Barrow	-	-	o. 2 o
1624,	Dec. 14. Receaued a Hue and Crye frome the			

	constables of Stretford for a Robberye committed at Simond Robinsonn's howse at Cowlton, whoe had Clothes gone, and makeinge searche and deliueringe to the Constables of Cheetame to goe Northwardes	-	-	-	00	00	06
1625,	Ap. 28. Paid for a passe for Dorethye Barrowe, a lame woman of Couentrie, whoe was whipped and caried on a Barrowe to Stretford	-	-	-	00	01	06
1626,	Sep. 28. Made seairch vpon a hewe and crye ffor John Pennington, whoe was fled vpon suspicion of killing a basta'd child begotten on the bodie of Elizabeth Hamson of Streateford, and sent this hewe and Crye vnto the Constable of Newton	-	-	-	-	00	00 8
1628,	Ap. 19. For a man to attende Ambrose meakin his wyfe and servant made to Trafforde by a speciall warrant vnder ye hande and seale of Sr Cecill Trafforde	-	-	-	-	-	18 ^d
1628,	Sept. 16. Hyred a horse and 2 men to carye to ye Constable of Stretforde Doritye Johnson a laim woman bothe of handes and feete, and had a Cert. to be conuayed to plimouth, coste	-	-	-	-	-	18 ^d
1629-30,	Jan. 20. P ^d for punishinge of Allis Bexwicke in the Dungeon for stealing of pewter at Trafford	00	01	02			
1631,	May 2. Searche made after one Robt. Smithe a Collyer who had stolne a panne, and sending the hue and cry to Stretford	-	-	-	0	0	8
1639,	Sep. 13. P ^d for bringinge 2 soldiers to Trafford w th a suspected pass	-	-	-	-	-	8
"	Oct. 12. P ^d for bringinge of v soldiers to Trafford	01					
1641,	Sep. 18. P ^d for carynge 4 sicke souldyers to ye Constables of Stretforde by Carte	-	-	-	-	-	16 ^d
"	" 20. [Ditto, 3 sicke and lame souldyers]	-	-	-	-	-	10 ^d
"	" 22. For a horse to carye to ye Constable of Stretford James Jones a lame Souldyer	-	-	-	-	-	8 ^d

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- 1641, Sep. 28. [Ditto] for 2 horses, John Shirlocke a li s. d.
 sicke souldyer his wyfe and 2 children, he hav-
 inge a passe vnd y^e hande and seale of Captayne
 paup - - - - - 22^d
 1644-5, Jan. 1. Pd for 9 horses to stretford p' Scotts' vse 00 03 06
 „ „ Pd for 2 loads of p'uision to Stretford - 00 00 06
 „ Mar. 15. Pd for carryinge prouision to stretford 00 01 08

On 16 May, 1648, — Radcliff of Stretford, as occupier of land in Manchester, was assessed to pay 8*d.* towards a ley on Manchester for two quarters pay for Mr. John Rosworme, and the like amount was entered in respect of land of S^r Cecyell Trafford seq[ues-
 trated.] (*Manchester Constables' Accounts*, vol. ii. p. 200.)

On 13 October, 1651, "Mr. Daniall Radcliff's" was entered on another Manchester Ley, and, from the juxtaposition of the names, was apparently the same person as the above "— Radcliff of Stretford." (*Op. cit.*, p. 220.)

CHAPEL-WARDENS.

1641. Richard Harrison and Thomas Moores. (*Palatine Note Book*, vol. i.)
 1671. William Barker and James Darbisheir.
 1674. Geo. Chorlton and James Taylor.
 1675. Willi. Mosse and Richard Gee.
 1676. Edmund Barlowe and James Kelsale.
 1677. Richard Burges and John Bentt.
 1678. Henry Davie and Raphe Barlowe.
 1679. Thomas Moores and Samuel Thomason.
 1680. John Johnson and Thomas Baxter.
 1681. Thomas Barlow and John Chorlton.
 1682. John Barlow and Richard Hughes.
 1683. John Mosse and John Gee de Gorshill.
 1684. Joseph Knight and Tho. Smith.
 1685. George Richardson, Edmond Barlow de Crosse.
 1686. Thomas Turnner, John Barker als Robesson.

1687. Thomas Hulme and James Barlow.
1688. Robert Mosse, Lawrence Bentt.
1689. William Barlow and William Rainshawe Smith.
1690. John Harrison, Willi. ffawkner.
1691. James Chadwick and William Hamson.
1700. John Harrison and John Newton.
(No entries between 1700 and 1711.)
1711. John Hatton and Tho. Davenport.
1712. James Barlow and Jonathan Tipping.
1715. Jno. Pickston and Tho. Royle.
1719. Thos. Chadwick and Jno. Shalcross.
1720. John Shalcross and Wm. Roscoe.
1721. Wm. Roscoe and James Green.
1722. John Shalcross and Joshua Taylor.
1723. Joshua Taylor and Sam^l Johnson.
1724. John Moss and Jonathan Royle.
1725. Jno. Barlow and Wm. Falkner.
1726. James Crowther and Joshua Jones.
1727. Edward Barlow and John Barker.
1728. John Arstingall and Jacob Brundritt.
1729. James Crowther and Rich^d Richardson.
1730. They were re-chosen and served again.
1731. Mr. Godwin and Tho^s Lightboun.
1732. Mr. Godwin and Edmund Bradshaw.
1733. Joshua Taylor and Jonathan Hulm.
1734. William Moss and Thomas Heywood.
1735. William Moss and Jonⁿ Lowe of Chorlton.
1736. John Thornhill and Josiah Heworth.
1737. Wm. Chadwick and Andrew Pickstone.
1738. Wm. Chadwick and Edmund Bradshaw.
1739. Wm. Chadwick and Edmund Bradshaw.
[1740. Wm. Chadwick and Edmund Bradshaw deleted.]
1740. William Falkner and Jacob Brundritt.
1741. Stephen Godwin and Peter Hampson.
1742. James Moors and James Darbyshire.

1743. George Massey and Joshua Taylor.
1744. Nathaniel Gee and John Renshaw Butcher.
1745. William Mason and Thomas Hampson.
1746. William Moss and Jonathan Tipping.
1747. Thomas Wright and James Hunt.
1748. Joshua Jones and Edmund Rigby.
1749. Edmund Bradshaw and John Hulm.
1750. Henry Leicester and James Royle Farmer.
1751. Thomas Royle and James Brownhill.
1752. Thos. Royle and James Brownhill continued.
1753. Joshua Taylor and George Statham.
1754. James Partington and Henry Holbrooke.
1755. John Moss and Farmer Royle for Mrs. Potts.
1756. Mr. Chadwick and Wm. Hampson for Crowther.
1757. Edmund Bradshaw and Andrew Pickstone.
1758. Edmund Hesketh and John Shawcross.
1759. Wm. Falkner and James Royle of Tur-moss.
1760. George Massey and James Moors.
1761. James Moores and James Crowther.
1762. James Moores and Edward Walton.
1763. Wm. Moss of ye Angel and James Hulm.
1764. James Darbyshire and James Kay.
1765. Mr. Wm. Harrison and Edm^d Bradshaw.
 [The above entries are all in one hand and seem to have
 been made at one time.]
1766. Mr. Wm. Harrison and Edmund Bradshaw.
1767. John Shalcross, Edward Walton.
1768. John Shalcross, Edward Walton.
1769. Joshua Taylor [Farmer, Waters Meeting], John Moss.
1770. William Chadwick, Andrew Pixton.
1771. James Royle and Wm. Simpson.
1772. James Royle and Wm. Simpson.
1773. John Pearson and James Chadwick.
1774. Anthony Brownhill, Jas. Partington.
1775. John Brundrett and Anthony Brownhill.

- 1776. John Hulme and Jonathan Knight.
- 1777. Henry Stevens and Reginald Unwin.
- 1778. Edmund Hesketh and James Crowther.
- 1779. William Hampson and Joseph Lowe.
- 1780. Henry Raingill and William Moss.
- 1781. John Worthington, William Hampson.
- 1782. Amos Bannister and Richard Knight.
- 1783. James Chadwick and Peter Hulme.
- 1784. Matthew Shawcross and Jonathan Knight.
- 1785. James Hulme and Samuel Whitelegg.
- 1786. James Bradshaw and Jonathan Knight.
- 1787. Wm. Taylor and Joseph Hampson Jun^r.
- 1788. Edmund Hesketh and James Darbyshire.
- 1789. James Crowther and Richard Knight.
- 1790. William Shawcross and Richard Knight.
- 1791. John Moss and John Pickstone.
- 1792-3-4. John Jones and Wm. Bradshaw.
- 1795-6. James Pearson and Thomas Robinson.
- 1797-8-9. John Moss and John Robinson.
- 1800. Jonathan Hulme and John Brundrit.
- 1801. John Brundrit and Wm. Shawcross.
- 1802. Joseph Williamson and Matthew Shawcross.
- 1803-4-5-6-7-8-9-10. Thomas Raingill and Peter Hulme.
- 1811-12. Peter Hulme and James Wood.
- 1813-22. Peter Hulme and Thomas Brundrit.
- 1823-24. Richard Pearson and Peter Hewit.
- 1825. Richard Pearson and Wm. Shawcross.
- 1826-9. Joseph Chadwick and Rob^t Barlow.
- 1830. Jacob Brundrit and Rob^t Barlow.
- 1831-5. Jacob Brundrit and Peter Hulme.
- 1836. Jacob Brundrit and Parker Raingill.
- 1837. Jacob Brundrit and Steven Raingill.
- 1838. James Shawcross and Steven Raingill.
- 1839. Steven Raingill and James Bradshaw.
- 1840-54. Geo. Bannister [of Edge House, Timber Merchant,
died 1854, Sep. 9] and William Brundrit [his cousin].

- 1855-58. Amos Bannister [of Peel House, partner and brother of G. B.] and William Brundrit [died 1858, Aug. 25].
1859. Amos Bannister and Wm. H. Cornforth.
1860-1. Wm. H. Cornforth and Thomas Brundrit.
1862. Wm. H. Cornforth and Samuel Simpson.
1863-4. Tho^s Leigh Williams and David Kelly.
1865. Christ^r Mothersill and John Whitehead.
1866. John Smith Aked and James Thomason.
1867. James Thomason and Wm Kaye.
1868. John Wreaks and Wm. Kaye.
1869-70. John Wreaks and Tho^s Whitehead.
1870-80. Charles Taylor and John Stott.
1880-82. Henry Atkin and John Cookson.
1882-85. John Sharp and John Taylor.
1885-86. John Bowden, C.E., Edge Lane, and Charles Cooper.
1886-88. John Seney and Charles Cooper.
1888-91. Chas. Woodfield Smith and James Bradshaw.
1891-92. W. H. Bibby and John Taylor.
1892-95. J. R. Mawson and John Taylor.
1895-96. Chas. Alfred Atkin and John Taylor.
1896-97. Chas. A. Atkin and Thos. Warburton.
1897-98. Geo. F. E. Burton and Thos. Warburton.
1898-99. G. F. E. Burton and Henry Nall.

CLERKS OF STRETFORD CHAPEL.

1680. JOHN BENT, clarke, died July 25, and was buried 27. His widow, Elizabeth, died January 2, 1683. Their gravestones in the old Chapelyard read :—

JOHN BENT
CLARKE DIED
IVLY 25 AND
WAS BVRIED
27 1680.

ELIZABETH . WIFE
OF : JOHN : BENT
DYED : JANUERY
THE : 2ND 1683.

Drawings of these stones are preserved in Mr. Clarke's *MS.* volume. Only the latter stone is now (1899) visible, and is almost entirely covered with soil and grass.

1705. JOHN GILBODY. Sarah, the daughter of John Gilbody, clerk, was born the 4th day of feeb., and was baptised 10 of the same month, Anno dom. 1705. (Register.)

1709. JOSHUA HYDE is named twice as "clark" in the Manor Court Books.

1715. "PETER BENT began his Clearkship att Stretford chappel the 3rd of July, Anno Don. 1715. Peeter Bent and Ellen Wright ware married" (flyleaf of Register).

1716. JAMES SYDDALL [Mossreeve in 1701] began his clarkship att Stretford Chappell in November, Anno Dom. 1716 (flyleaf of Register). 1726, Michael, son of James Syddall, clark of Stretford, and Martha his wife, Oct. 9, baptised (Register).

17.. WILLIAM HAMPSON.

1780. SAMUEL HAMPSON, "junior" (son of William Hampson), began his clerkship at Stretford Chapel March 31, 1780 (Register). 1784, Samuel, son of Samuel Hampson, clerk of this Chapel, by Ellen his wife, aged 2 weeks and 3 days, baptised (Register). 1791, Sept., Sarah, his daughter, baptised (Register). 1793, Dec. 29, Mary Ann, his daughter, baptised (Register).

182. WILLIAM ECCLES appointed; dismissed for drunkenness a few months later.

1821-7. JOHN HAMPSON, brother of Samuel Hampson (*supra*).

1827-80. JOSEPH HAMPSON, son of John Hampson.

1880-83. WILLIAM HAMPSON, brother of Joseph Hampson.

Since 1883 the Apparitor has acted as Parish Clerk.

The last but one of the Stretford Parish Clerks had the reputation of being "a bit of a character," and of him many racy anecdotes used to be told. He has been described as a little, low, stiff

old man, who dressed in a blue coat and smalls, or knee breeches. On one occasion, before the days of lucifer matches and gas-lighting, he was called upon to light the candles during the service. For this purpose he had brought with him a lighted candle in a lanthorn, and as he passed some of the village boys they tried to blow it out, whereupon old Joseph put down the lanthorn and proceeded leisurely but vigorously to cuff each of the offenders, then picked up his lanthorn and finished his work.

He was "great" at weddings, and kept up a fire of remarks at times as if talking to himself. One swain found a difficulty in putting the ring on the finger of his spouse, who snatched it from him, wet her finger in her mouth, and slipped the ring on easily, which caused Hampson to exclaim, "Eh mon, bu' thou'rt a good un." On another occasion, when there was a somewhat similar difficulty over the ring, he said to the bungler, "Nay, nay, let hoo try! Hoo'll do it better than thee."

Another tale told of him runs that when a certain young lady who took (and still takes) a great interest in church and parish matters, was supposed to be sweethearting with one of the churchwardens, Hampson was wont to sidle up to her, and ask, in an audible whisper, "Han yo ketched 'im yet?" to which came the bashful reply, "What do you mean, Joseph?" "Eh! eh!" Hampson answered, "happen some birdlime's wanted, but mind yo, when yo wed aw'll don th' best wheyt kid glooves aw con beigh." And so he did, when the time came, as come it did, and very spacious in both length and breadth those "hand shoes" were.

Another time at a wedding he walked up to a sheepish-looking young fellow and asked, "Art thow th' mon," and when a timid assent was given in answer, he exclaimed, "Aye, aw thowt as much, an' it's not often as aw'm mista'en. Weel, has ta gotten th' papper?" The certificate of banns was handed over, and Joseph bade "th' mon" "Ston' tha theer, and when th' woman cooms hoo'll ston' theer, and aw'll bring th' parson."

If the swain was by mistake about to give the customary kiss

to his spouse after putting the ring on, instead of waiting to the end of the service, Joseph would shout out, "Here mon! We mun ha' noan o' that yet."

He was very proud and careful of a new gown which had been given to him when the Bishop reopened the church after the new pews had been put in, and when, shortly afterwards, the Bishop came to a Confirmation Service, he asked Joseph why he was not wearing his gown. "Weel! yo see, my Lord, aw only wears it on feast days and solemn occasions," was the incongruous reply.

The pulpit was furnished with a door, and Joseph swelled himself with official pride when he sallied out to open this door and to close it again after the preacher had entered. He was so vexed when, one Sunday he descended, after making the discovery that the door had been taken off without his knowledge, that he fetched one of the choir boys who ventured to snigger at him a smart box on his ear, and told him to pass it on.

He was always at war with these lesser satellites of the church, and they were never tired of provoking him. One Sunday the Litany was followed by a Christening, and Joseph had forgotten to put any water in the font, so there was a "stage wait" while he went for a jugfull, and because the boys chaffed him as he passed he put down his jug and boxed the ears of several before finishing his errand.

When the present Rector was inducted, the church was cleared, and the congregation assembled at the south door to admit him, so that he might proceed to the belfry and ring one of the bells. The organist thought he was privileged to remain, but Joseph went up to him and said, "Nay, nay, mon! If *aw* ha' to goa eawt, tha ma be weel sure tha'll ha' to, so eawt tha goas, or aw'll mak' tha."

At the Confirmation above referred to the Rector had given orders that when he came to the vestry door and said "Clergy" the choir were to pass down the church, and go out by the west door and re-enter by the vestry door. Time went on, and Joseph began to lose patience. He was busying himself arranging for

the fiftieth time the chair which the Bishop was to occupy, and did not hear the Rector's whispered watch-word. As the chor-ists passed, one of them said, "Joseph, th' clargy han coom," to which Joseph petulantly replied, "Aw dar say they han, bu' aw've waited for *them*, and th' clargy mun wait for me neaw."

"The quality" called him, deferentially, Joseph; the villagers, behind his back, spoke of him as "Owd Joseph," but addressed him as "Mr. Hampson." The choir boys nicknamed him "Owd Hommer," or "Coal hommer," from the raps their heads so frequently received from him.

OU'SEERS OF THE POORE [OF STRETFORD].

(From the Church Registers, vol. i.)

- 1681 is James Taylor.
- 1682 is George Richardson.
- 1683. John Gee, Higginlan[e].
- 1686. Robert Mosse and his man.
- 1687. William Barlow and his man.
- 1688. Richard Harrison al' Hughes.
- 1689. Tho. Barlow.
- 1690. John Barlow [Samuel Thomason, struck out].
- 1691. Robert Owen.
- 1694. Richard Worthington, Overseer of the Poor.
- 1695. William Shawcross.
- 1696. Tho. Hayward.
- 1697. Tho. Smith.
- 1698. Tho. Smith for Mr. Dickonson's estate.
- 1699. Peter Heyes.
- 1700. John Falkner.
- 1701. John Moss.
- 1702. Henry Davie.
- 1703. George Barker.
- 1704. Tho. Chadwick.
- 1705. Mr. Gooding for Gorsehill.
- 1706. Richard Gee.

- 1707. John Harrison for Falkners.
- 1708. Tho. Moors for John Crowther.
- 1709. George Richardson.
- 1710. Sam^l Johnson.
- 1711. John Barlow.
- 1712. William Barlow.
- 1713. James Green.
- 1714. John Hampson for Tho. Newton's estate.
- 1715. James Barlow.
- 1716. Tho. Taylor.
- 1717. William Falkner.
- 1718. John Shawcross.
- 1719. John Wright.
- 1720. Francis Johnson.
- 1721. John Crowther p Harrisons of the Toad Lane.
- 1722. John Crowther for Sherlock's.
- 1723. Tho. Chadwick for Mrs. Eliz. Roscoe.
- 1724. Tho. Chadwick for his own estate (or Dickonson's estate).
- 1725. James Barlow for Dickonson's estate.
- 1726. John Moss.
- 1727. William Moss.
- 1728. John Strettell, Overseer, and Mr. Harrison.
- 1729. Jonath. Hulm and John Knight, Shrewsbury carrier.
- 1730. Tho. Chadwick for Ratcliffe estate (and John Moss) de chappel style for Radcliffes.
- 1731. Joneth. Lowe and George Robinson, alias Barker.
- 1732. Richard Gooding and John Thornhill.
- 1733. Tho. Heywood and Jonethan Royl.
- 1734. John Shawcross first half-year, and Wm. Mason, alias Graterix, for the latter half-year in 1734-5.
- 1735. Jacob Brundrett the first half-year, and Charles Low for Henry Smith for the latter half-year.
- 1736. Tho. Chadwick for Andrew Pixton for Thurston Barlow estate ye first half-year, and Tho. Chadwick for James Crowther ye latter half-year for Toad Lane.

- 1737. Joseph Twiss for Tho. Newtons ye first half-year, and Richard Richardson the latter half-year 1737-8.
- 1738. William Chadwick for Doctor's estate ye first half-year, and Wm. Falkner ye latter half-year hired Joshua Taylor.
- 1739. Tho. Chadwick for Davie's estate first half-year, and Rich^d or Stephen Gooding the latter half-year.
- 1740. Edm^d Bradshaw the first half-year, and Andrew Pixton, hired Tho. Chadwick.
- 1741. Joshua Taylor and James Darbshire. James the first half-year and Joshua ye second half-year.
- 1742. George Massey the first half-year, and Peter Hampson of Edges ye latter half-year.
- 1743. Tho. Worseley and Jonethan Tipping.
- 1744. James Moors first half-year, and Joseph Twiss ye latt^r half-year.
- 1745. Wm. Moss, carrier, first half-year, and Wm. Moss, Angel, latter half-year.

The entries down to 1738 are evidently written at one time, and are apparently in the writing of "Jno. Jackson, minister," who notes on the first page of the book: "Stretford Chap^l, 25 Feb., 1737, Oct. 28, 1737. I then rec^d this Book, imperfect as y^u may now observe it, this being ye first Page." The entries for 1739-42 are in one hand; those for 1743, 1744, 1745, were made separately, and end the list.

The Overseers from 1837 to 1869 are given in the Extracts from the Vestry Minute Book, *post*. The following complete the record:—

- 1868-72. Thos. Warburton, Wm. Kaye.
- 1872-75. Wm. Kaye, Wm. Goodacre.
- 1875-82. Wm. Kaye, Wm. Goodacre, Wm. Hollins.
- 1882-83. Wm. Kaye, Wm. Goodacre, Wm. Hollins, Samuel Kelsall.
- 1883-88. Wm. Kaye, Wm. Goodacre, Samuel Kelsall, Lewis Henry Moorsom.

- 1888-89. Wm. Kaye, Samuel Kelsall, John Albert Slater,
Chas. Hy. Fitzgerald.
1889-94. Samuel Kelsall, John Albert Slater, Chas. H. Fitz-
gerald, Philip Cain.
1894-95. Samuel Kelsall, John Albert Slater, Philip Cain,
Wm. Hy. Fulford.

After 1894 the Urban District Council appointed the Overseers.

- 1895-97. John Stott, John Roberts, Thos. Johnston, Wm. H.
Fulford.
1897-98. John Stott, John Roberts, Thos. Johnston, Charles
Estcourt.
1898. John Stott, John Roberts, Thos. Johnston, Jas. Walthew.

OVERSEERS OF THE HIGHWAYS.

1690. Willi' Shawcrosse, Richard Hughes al' Harrison for his
newe house.
1691. Henri Davie, John Newton.

The Highway Surveyors from 1837 down to their supersession in 1868, when the Local Board took over their duties, appear in the Extracts from the Vestry Minute Book, *post*.

CHAPTER V.

THE PARISH REGISTERS.

MR. BAILEY in *Local Gleanings relating to Lancashire and Cheshire* (reprinted from the *Manchester Courier*), vol. i., April, 1875—December, 1876, described the Stretford Registers in Nos. 9, 16, 23, 42, 53, 64, 70, 136 (pp. 5, 8, 11, 18, 22, 26, 29, 65). He reminds us that the original injunction of Cromwell, Vicar General in September, 1538, remained in force until 1597, and that in October of the latter year a Convocation order under the Royal Assent enjoined minute regulations for the keeping of parish records. It was under this Convocation order, apparently, that the Stretford Registers began.

There are four volumes of old Registers. Of these, vol. i. runs from 1598 to 1710, vol. ii. from 1713 to 1781, vol. iii. overlaps the preceding volume, and runs from 1775 to 1794, and vol. iv. from 1794 to 1812. The Manchester Collegiate Church Register begins in 1573.

The earliest entry in the Stretford Register is a baptism on February 8, 1598-99, and there is no trace of any earlier volume. The first volume is an oblong folio containing seventy-three parchment sheets, a certain number of pages being from time to time stitched at the end as the preceding leaves were exhausted. The edges of some of the leaves have been damaged by damp, and the book itself is redolent of the churchyard mould. Age and wear, moreover, have obliterated very much of the writing, and bad ink in many places has increased the difficulties of deciphering the entries. The first page is affected by all these

causes, and is neatly and uniformly written in the "secretary hand" of the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

The entries on the first page contain the names of the principal families then residing in the village, and nearly all of them are to be found in descendants. In the succeeding generation the following families occur: Ratcliff,¹ Siddall, Hartley, Shalcross, Hollinpriest, Royle, Hughes, Owen, Fawknor, Harrison, Crowther, Darbshire, Brundrit, Bent, &c.

There is a division in the Register, beginning with the year 1603, when the new Canons were issued. The entries then begin to be in Latin, and are so written down to 1612. The formula was as follows: "Alicia filia Joh. Deuis de Crosstreete fuit baptizata . . . die Decembris anno p'dicto" [1608]. Down to the end of the century there is a curious mixture of Latin and English, the former being often used by the parish clerks in a very grotesque manner.

The most serious lacuna in the document occurs between 1615 and 1623, during which years four entries occur relating to "Those whom I Richard Wylde have baptised In Ano. Dni. 1618." Only one name is recorded in 1624, four in 1625, and none in 1626. Some other years are without records.

From 1640 to 1650 the Register has been very carelessly kept. By the Directory "a fair register book of velim" was ordered to be provided in every parish, in which were to be preserved by the minister the names of all children baptized, with the time of their birth; and also the names of all who were married and buried. The novel regulation in regard to the time of birth is fully carried out in the Stretford Register, sometimes even to the minute. The first entry of the kind occurs thus: "John the sonne of Gorg Chorlton was borne the Second day of March

¹ On August 16, 1606, "Mary, daughter of Alexander Radcliffe, Manchester, de Hill in Stretford," was baptised at Manchester. There is a "Coldhill" in Trafford Park. At the Manchester Court Leet, April 16, 1735, Thomas ffoden of Cowdale [Could-hill], near Trafford, husbandman, was fined, for Beef not marketable on November the ninth day last, forty shillings.

being at Thursday at two of the clock in the morning Annoque domini 1653." The actual baptisms of the children are indeed for many years not mentioned, but it does not follow that the ceremony did not take place. The custom of naming the hour and day of birth is occasionally found up to the end of the Register.

The first recorded burial took place February 21, 1650-1, but the interments are infrequent. This is due, Mr. Bailey was informed, to the former undrained condition of the small burial ground, and the villagers were buried either in the neighbouring parishes or at the mother church of Manchester. In the Manchester churchyard towards the close of the seventeenth century a portion called "Stretford Hill"¹ was used for Stretford burials, and was on the south side of the church, between the Trafford chapel or chantry and the present Mitre Hotel. (See also Booker's *Hist. of Blackley Chapel*, p. 5.)

In subsequent years the Register has traces of having passed out of the hands of the ministers, for it is written up for many years in the same hand. This change is in accordance with the legislation of the Barebones Parliament, August 1653, by which qualified persons were appointed for taking charge of Parish Registers. The fees for Registry were then 12*d.* for a marriage, and 4*d.* for a birth or burial.

Scarcely a Puritan name at this time can be found on the Stretford Register.

¹ This use of the word "Hill" for a portion of a churchyard is singular. Can it reflect the ancient custom of burial in barrows? Holland's *Cheshire Glossary* (Engl. Dial. Soc., 1886), gives: Hill, *v.* (1) to cover, (2) to make a mound over a grave; and at p. 506, *apropos* of rush-bearing, speaks of "the present practice of *hilling* with rushes the graves of departed friends." According to Gower's *Surrey Provincialisms* (Engl. Dial. Soc., vol. iv. c. 4) Hills are the mounds on which the hops are planted. So many hills are reckoned to an acre. At Laudor in Berwickshire the allotments of the burghlands are called "hill parts" (Gomme's *Village Community*, 1890, p. 150). Close to the Manchester Parish Church was the "Baron's hull," which is believed to mean the Baron's Hill, otherwise Hunt *Hull* or Hunt's *Bank*. The word "aisle," as traced in Murray's *New English Dictionary*, was at times spelt "ylle," but can hardly be the interpretation, though it meant originally a wing, and later took the secondary meaning of a division or alley in a church.

The sudden increase in the number of entries on the Register from this point illustrates the incompleteness of the registration of former years. For about thirty years, with a few exceptions, the entries are made by three or four hands. After 1681 there are different hands on each page. The only other historical entries are those relating to the Acts of 1667 and 1678 "for burying in Woollen." It is stated five or six times that the statutory affidavits were taken. The Acts were repealed in 1814.

The following entries are worthy of note :—

1657. An ovld poore woman was bvried the third day of September at Stretford Chapel, having a brother in Maxfield [Macclesfield] neere the broken Cros.

1659-60. Sammvell the sonne that was taken to nors by Richard Talior the tinker was buried the thirteth day of Jenvary being Mondy anno dom mini 1659.

1667. Grissi [or Griffi] Harry was bvried the first day of October.

1689-90. A man buried that Drowned is selfe in Shawcross Pitt and [was] buried the first of march anno dom 1689.

The deaths of children are in a very high proportion, and there are traces of epidemics.

There were numerous weddings at the Chapel, but they came to a sudden end in the year 1754, consequent on the passing of the Marriage Act by which marriages were void except by banns or license, and from that date the marriages were celebrated at the "Old Church" in Manchester.

In 1601 one of the Mosses of Stretford, in honour of the infant daughter of Edmund Trafford, the then lord, had his daughter christened Sycilia.

Christenings ano. dni. 1598-1599.

Ellen Gilbodie the daughter of Rodger Gilbodie was baptysed the vijth day of ffebruarye.

Ano. dni. 1599.

Jssabel Barlowe the daughter of John Barlowe was bapt . . . the xiiijth daie of Maie.

William Barlowe the sonne of William Barlowe was bapt . . . the xvijth daie of June.

James Gee the sonne of Richarde Gee was baptysede the vjth daye of August.

Elizabeth Johnson the daughter of Raphe Johnson was baptysede the xvijth daie of September.

Ellen Gregorie the daughter of John Gregorie was baptysed the seconde daye of March.

Elizabeth Hamson the daughter of John Hamson was baptysede the viijth daye of Marche.

Thomas Chorlton the sonne of James Chorlton was baptysede the xixth daie of Marche.

John Johnson the son of Richarde Richarde [*sic*] Johnson was baptysede xxijth daie of Marche.

Richarde Gregorye the sonne of Thoma Gregorye was baptysede the xiiijth daye of Aprill [1600].

Ano dni 1600.

John Mosse the sonne of Thomas Mosse was baptysede the . . . daie of Maye.

Richard [?] Knighte the sonne of Henrye Knighte was baptysede the xxiiij daye of Maye.

Ellen Gatley the Daughter of John Gatley was baptysede the xxvjth daye of May.

Margaret Richardson the daughter of John Richardson was baptysede the xxvijth daye of Julie.

William Cholerton the sonne of John Cholerton was baptysede the xxxth day of July.

Margerye Barker the daughter of Willia Barker was baptysed the xvijth day of Auguste.

John Barlow the sonne of John Barlow was baptysed the vijth daye of November.

Nicholas Ravenshawe [*i.e.* Renshaw] the sonne of Willia R[avensha]we was baptysed the xxijth daye of Januarye.

George Barlowe the sonne of John Barlowe was baptised the xiiijth daye of ffebruarye.

Alice [?] Salter the daughter of Thomas Salter was baptised the xxvijth daye of Marche Ano. pred. [year aforesaid.]

Jane Lambe the daughter of Richard Lamb was baptised the xxvijth day of Marche.

Richard Manweringe the sonne of Manweringe was baptised the xvijth day of Aprill.

[An entry follows in another hand, now almost obliterated].

(p. 2.) 1601-1602.

Robeart Radcliffe the sonne of James Radcliffe was baptysed the xxvijth day of June.

Sycilia Mosse the daughter of John Mosse was baptised the xvijth day of August.

Elizabeth Barker the daughter of Willia' Barker was baptised the xxixth day of September.

Adam Sydall the sonne of Adam Sidall was baptised the xith day of October.

An Hartley the daughter of Alexander Hartley was baptysed the xxvijth day of December.

Charles Gee the sonne of Richard Gee was baptised the vijth day of ffebruarye.

Elizabeth Barlowe the daughter of Willia' Barlowe was baptysed the xvth day of ffebruarye.

(John Johnson is written by another hand in the margin and the next entry is in another hand).

Brigette Hamsone y^e daughter of Richard Hamsone was baptised y^e iij day of Stembre.

1602.

Thomas Barlowe the sonne of John Barlowe was baptysed the xiiijth day of August.

John Richardson the sonne of John Richardson was baptised the xvijth day of October.

Elizabeth Johnson the daughter of Richard Johnson was baptised the viijth day of Januarye.

Richard Barker the sonne of Willia' Barker was baptysed the sixt day of februarye.

This is followed by a space, in which is written, "James y^e son of Richard Knight de Erlom was baptised y^e 7th of Novemb^r 82."

(p. 3.) Nupti anno Dom 1603.

Christnings in Anno domini.

Gorgium Dounbel et Elizabeth Digell fuerunt nupti quinto die Augusti an^o 1603.

Nicholos Eller et Amry Dounbel fuerunt nupti septimo die Septembri^s An^o 1603.

Willmo Choarton et Ellen Carmton fuerunt nupti 24 die Octobris An^o 1603.

Some scribbling follows, including pen experiments and the following disjointed notes :—

Adam Sydall sone of Adam Sydall was baptised the

Adam Sidall the sonne of John Sydall was baptised the

Robert Heaward was baptised the huntereth day 1643

John Wright was baptised the

Jno. Jackson, M.A.

Minister 1721.

Elizth Daughter of Jno Knight was born 29 of Sep. and

bap. Oct. 7th 1702.

On the reverse (p. 4, which is otherwise left blank) is written at the top Anno Domini 1603,

Anno Domini 1617,

and at the foot, The Rev^d Tho. Royle, Minister
att Hollins Green.

(p. 5.) An. Dom. 1603.

I. Hamson filis Ric. Hamson baptisatur tercio
die Augusti Ann. 1603.

2. Thom Damp filis Hugh Damp generosi baptizati 21 die August Ann. 1603.

3. Joane Gregorie filia Thom. Gregorie baptizat. fuit 21 die August anno 1603.

4. Thom' Barlow filis Willm^o barlow baptizati 23 die Septembris anno 1603.

5. Willm^o Shacrosse filis Edmon' Shsacrosse baptizati 23 die Septembris an^o 1603.

6. Ellinor hoopp filia Ric hoppe baptizati 24 die Octobris an^o 1603.

7. Ellinor Gee filia Charoli Gee baptizati 20 die Novembrijs anno 1603.

8. Godfrie Doumbi filis Georg Doumbi baptizat ix die Decembris an^o 1603.

9. Margrit Sidda filia Adam Sidda baptizat 16 die febria an. 1604.

10. John Rensha filis Willm Rensha Baptz xith die March 1604.

11. Isabel Barker filia Willm Barker Baptz xixth die march 1604.

12. Johanñ Johnson filis Richard Johnson baptizat 19 die mañhii an^o 1604.

13. Charols Gee filis Ric Gee baptisat fuit 6 die Julij An^o 1604.

14. Elizabeth Hamson filia willm Hamson baptz 22 die Jullij 1604.

15. Will Hollenpriest filis Rob' Hollinprest Baptizat 29 die Jullij 1604.

16. Rodger Gilbodye filius Roger Gílbodye Babtiz 19 Augustij Anno Dne 1604.

17. Thomas ffyles filius Robt. ffles baptizat fuit secundo die mensis septembris 1604.

18. Ricardus Richardson filius Johannem Richardson baptizat fuit secundo die Septembris idemq. Die 1604.

(p. 6.) Anno dn. 1604.

Johanis Salter filia Thoma Salter baptizat fuit xxviiith die mensis Novembris.

Thoma Salter filiu Thoma Salter baptizat fuit eadem die.

Ellen Johnson filia Ric. Johnson baptizat fuit vicessimo primo die ffebruarij 1604.

Margerie Johnson filia p'dic' Ricardo baptizatu fuit vicessimo primo die ffebruarij pdic A^o Regni Reg' secundo et xxxvii^o 1604.

James Radcliffe filius James Radcliffe baptizatu' fuit xvij^o die Marcij Ano dn 1604.

Note.—The regular entries come to an end, leaving the rest of the page blank except for the following entries. [Manchester suffered severely from the plague at the end of 1605 and during 1606] :—

An Bark^r daughter of John Bark^r was baptized the xiiijth day of Novemb^r 1606.

Thomas filius Thomas Haugh baptizatus fuit vicessimo die Januarij anno domini 1605.

Hompfrey Royle sonn of John Royle was baptized the twentieth eight day of Dazember anno domini 1686. [*sic.*]

(p. 7.) Anno Domini 1607.

Baptizationes.

Edmundus Ranshall filius Thomæ Ranshall baptizatus fuit 10^{mo} die Maij año predicto.

Elizabetha filia Thomæ Shawcrosse baptizata fuit die eodem anno predicto.

Henricus filius Johan' Hughes fuit baptizat quarto die Octobris anno predicto.

Margreta filia Johan' Hardy de Chorto' baptizata fuit 25 die Octobris anno predicto.

Jacobus filius Rici Hughes fuit baptizatus primo die Novembris anno predicto.

Rogerius filius Thoma Gilbody fuit baptizat sexto die Decembris anno predicto.

Elena filia Jacobi Jones de Ashton baptizata fuit 28 die Januarij anno predicto.

Jacobus Gee filius [alias?] Moss filius Joh. Gee fuit baptizatus primo die Martij anno domini 1607.

Henricus filius Edmundi Shawcrosse fuit baptizatus 13 die Martij anno p'dicto.

Two cancelled entries follow: A . . . filia Thomæ Hartley (?) fuit baptizata die . . . anno p'dicto.

Elizabetha filia Henrici T . . . sher alias . . .

Thomas Hughes.

Thomas the sonne of Robert Walker was baptised the ith day of Aprill anno domini in 1610.

Nuptiæ anno p'dicto.

Gulielmus Nicolson et Elena Jonson nupti fuerunt primo die Novembris.

James Holl—llinpriest bapt.

(p. 8.) Anno domini 1608.

[Baptisms, abbreviated.] Anna filia Thoma Haugh 27 Martij.
Elizabetha Tilsley alias Massey fillia Ranulfi Tilsley tertio Aprilis.

Edmundus fil. Thoma Ranshall decimo Aprilis.

Margareta fil. Joh. Urmsto' 12 Junij.

Thomas Gregory alias Hampson fil. Thomæ Gregory 19 Junij.

Thomas Massy alias Ranshall fil. Thomæ Massy de Sale die eodem.

Hugo fil. Thoma Royle 19 Julij.

Elena fil. Joh'is Williamson de Chorton quinto Augusti.

Gulielmus fil. Gulielmi Barker 18 Septembris.

Elena fil. Jacobi Morrisse secundo Octobris.

Richardus fil. Richardi Hope nono Octobris.

Edwardus fil. Jenkini Hadston de Withington 9 Octobris.

Gulielmus fil. Gulielmi Barker 20 Octobris.

Jacobus fil. Gulielmi Haton die eodam.

Elizabetha fil. Edward. Hulme quinto Novembris.

Isabela fil. Jacobi Rodgers 27 Nov'bris.
 Alicia fil. Johannis Busick 27 Nove'bris.
 Rhicardus fil. Thoma Gilbody quarto Dezembris.
 Alicia fil. Joh. Deuis de crosstreete . . . Decembris.

Nuptiæ anno predicto 1608.

Thomas Gregory et Isabela Hampson, 2^{do} Julij.
 Richardus fil. Thoma Salter fuit bapt. 12 Decembris.
 Alicia fil. Nicholas Hoolme fuit bapt. 2 . . Decembris.
 (p. 9.) Thomas fil. Thomæ Hamps[on] 21 Julij.
 Johannes fil. Jacobi Williamso' de Chowerton nono Augusti.
 Katerina Hewes fil. Henric Hewes eode' die.
 Elizabetha fil. Gulielmi fawkner primo Novembris.
 Nicholas Holme fil. Thoma Holme de Cholerton octavo Novembris.
 Anna fil. Richardi Hoope vicessimo secundo Novembris.
 Helena fil. G^{mi} Nicolson decimo septimo Januarij.
 Richardus fil. Jo. Dicconso' vicessimo quarto Januarij.

Anno Domini 1613.

Elizabetha fil. G^{mi} Rayneshey vicessimo quinto Aprilis.
 Johannes fil. Jo. Barker secundo Maij.
 Thomas fil. Thoma Rayneshey vicessimo secundo Maij.
 Maria fil. Richardi Hewes sexto Junij.
 Margareta fil. Johan. Gee 1613.
 Gyles Gee the sonne of Thomas Gee was baptized the iiijth
 daie of December anno p'dto.
 [Two illegible entries 1613.]

(p. 10.) Anno domini 1608 [baptisms abbreviated].

Ellena fil. Georgij ffletcher 29 Januarij.
 Elizabetha fil. John Rainshall de Stretford die eodem.
 Thomas fil. Thoma Gilbody 12 ffebruarij.

Anno domini 1609.

Elena fil. Alixander Hartley de Chorto' 31 (*sic*) Aprilis.

Gulielmus fil. Gulielmi Ransha 7 Maij.
Richardus Owen fil. Rodulphi Owen 29 Septembris.
Marta (or Bridgett ?) Heawoode fil. Hamletti H. 30 Novembris.
Alexander Chorlerton de Chorlerton fil. Alexander Chorlerton
30 Novembris.

Helena Hollinpriest fil. Roberti Hollinpriest decimo septimo
Decembris.

Jacobus Raynshall fil. William Raynshall 24 Decembris.
Elizabetha fil. Johannis Hvghes octavo Januarij.

(p. 10.) Anno do. 1610.

Nycholaus Gregory fil. Arthurij Gregory primo Aprilis.
Maria fil. Thomæ Raynshalle primo Maij.
Bicheta (?) fil. Gulielm. ffaulkner sexto Maij.

Anno do. 1612.

Johannes fil. Georgij Deane et Helena fil. bapt. xxx
Aprilis.

Philipus fil. Jo. Mosse 3 Maij.
Helena fil. Edwardi Holme 10 Maij.

(p. 11.) Anno 1614.

Margrett Gee daughter of Thomas Gee ffirst September.
James Ottiwell sonne of James Ottiwell first May [repeated].
Elizabeth Harrison daughter of Robert Harrison, xiiijth Sep-
tember.

Anno dni 1624.

Ellen Gee the daughter of John Gee vijth Aprill.

Anno 1625.

John ffawkner sonne of William ffawkner xxx March.
Samuel Harrison sonne of Robert Harrison . . November.

1626.

Lydia B . . . daughter of Hugh Barlowe
Elizabeth Harrison daughter of Richard Harrison . . .

(p. 12.) These whom I Richard Wylde have baptised.

In Anno dni 1617.

Imprimis the Sonne of James Beirche called William, in the towne of Chollarton, June the 7, yeare 1617.

Samuell Gee sonne of Thomas Gee xxxth August.

Itm. Edmund Crowth^r sonne of Edmund Crowth^r of Choller-ton vth Aug.

Itm. Marye Harysonne daught^r of Richard Harisonne of Stretford xixth Julie 1617.

Alis Barlowe daught^r of William Barlowe of Stretford xxvjth Juley.

Alis Darbyshire daught^r of John Darbishire xxvjth Juley.

Alis Mosse daught^r of W^m Mosse xxiiijth August.

(p. 12.) 1627.

Roger Barlowe sonne of John Barlowe xvijth Marche 1627.

Ruthe Partington daughter of John Partington xjth Novembr.

Jossephe Ottywell sonne of James Ottywell xxth June.

Jeremy the sonne of John Chorlton 26 Aprill 1628.

1628.

Nathaniel Johnson sonne of Richard Johnson vijth Marche.

George Mosse sonne of William Mosse xvth Januarye.

Alis the daught^r of John Gee viijth September.

Mathewe Barlowe the sonne of Hughe Barlowe xvth Januarye.

Robt. Harrisonne sonne of Robert Harrison xxvth ffebruary.

John Chorlton sonne of W^m 13th ffebruarye.

(p. 13.) 1628.

September the 7th [Mary the daughter, struck out] Alice the daughter of John Gee the sonne of Richard Gee was baptised in Stretford Chappell. [Reversed, along the top margin of the page is written "The Condition of this Obligation."]

1629.

Alis dau. of W^m Harrison and Katherin dau. of James Byrche xxviijth Marche.

Elizabeth the reputed dau. of W^m Chorlton and Ellen Gee
18th October.

Mary Mosse dau. of W^m Mosse 4th October.

Adam Renshaw s. of William Renshaw first Aprill.

Ellen Harrison dau. of Thomas Harrison xith December.

Isabell Hollinpriest d. of W^m Hollinpriest xiiijth December.

Robte ffawkner s. of Robte ffawkner xvijth Decemb^r.

Alis Syddall d. of John Siddall first January.

John Hall s. of Thomas Hall xxvjth December.

Ester Partington d. of John Partington xvij January.

Margaret d. of W^m Chorlton vjth Aprill.

William Brundret s. of W^m Brundret xxijth Septemb^r.

Jeremy Chorlton s. of John Chorlton xvijth Aprill.

Arther Gilbodye s. of Richard Gilbodye same daie.

John Knight s. of Edwardi Knight xvth August.

William Beswick s. of John Beswick xvijth October.

Samuell Barlowe s. of Hughe Barlowe vjth Marche.

Marye Worsley d. of Ottywell Worsley xxvij ffebruarye.

(p. 14.) Gyles Crowther s. of Thomas Crowther vijth Marche.

Anno 1631.

Samuell Gilbodye s. of Thomas Gilbodye xixth Marche.

Charles Gee s. of John Gee vth Aprill.

Alis Harrison d. of Richard Harrison ijth October.

Anno 1632.

John Hamson s. of Raphe Hamson xith ffebruarye.

Elizabeth Chorlton d. of William Chorlton xxij ffebruarye.

Alis d. of John Chorlton xth ffebruary.

Jane d. of William Mosse xiiijth January.

Richard s. of Richard Harrison vijth Marche.

Elizabeth d. of William Chollerton vijth Marche.

Anno 1633.

James Radcliffe s. of James Radcliffe xvth September.

Margarett Benth d. of John Benth diè et anno p'd'ct.

(p. 15.) 1633.

Elizabeth Hollinpriest d. of William Hollinpriest viijth December.

1633.

Elizabeth Ottywell d. of James Ottywell day and yeare abovesaid.

Elizabethe Barlowe d. of Hughe Barlowe xxxth Decemb^r.

Ric^r Richardson s. of Ric^r Richardson xvjth ffebruary.

Elizabeth d. of Edward Knight xxth Decemb^r.

Charles Gee s. of John Gee xth January.

Mary Hughes d. of James Hughes xvjth Marche.

Richard Johnson s. of Richard Johnson xxth January.

1634.

Isabel d. of Thomas Davenport xxth April.

Thomas Wright s. of John Wright viijth June.

George Syddall and Katheren Siddall children of Tho. Siddall two twin xvth June.

James ffrithe s. of Ingram ffrithe vjth July.

(p. 16.) Robert Crowther s. of John Crowther xiiijth July.

Thomas Rogers s. of Richarde Rogers iijth August.

James Gee s. of John Gee iij August.

Robt Worsley s. of Ottywell Worsley xxvjth Octobr.

Edward Werrall reputed s. of Thomas Werrall and Katheren Gilbodie ixth November.

Thomas Crowther s. of Thomas Crowther last daie of November.

Edward Richardson s. of Richard Richardson last daie of ffebruarie.

1635.

Margret Harrisonne d. of Robert H. last daie of ffebruarie.

1635. Thomas Barlowe s. of Tho. B. xvjth Nov.

1636.

Mildred Chorlton d. of John C. Tenthe Julye 1636.

Penelope Awen d. of Robert A. xith December.

- Knight d. of Henery K. first Decembr.
Matthou Barlowe child of John B. of barlowe moreside five
[March struck out] ffebruarie.
Elizabethhe Hughes d. of James H. vth ffebruary.
(p. 17.) Alis Knight d. of James K. . . ffebruary.
Elizabethhe Darbishire d. of William D. xixth ffebruary.
Robte Turner s. of John T. xixth ffebruary.
John Pawden s. of John P. xxvth ffebruary.
John Hollinpriest s. of William H. xxvijth ffebruary.

Anno dni 1637.

- Anna Shawcrosse d. of William S. xiiijth May.
Alice Radcliffe d. of Raphe R. day last abouesaid.
Richard Pawden and Margery P. s. & d. of Reynold P. xxjth
May [twins?].
John Ottiwell s. of James O. second ffebruary 1637.
Thomas Renshaw s. of William R. fourth febrarie.

Anno dni 1637.

- Ellen Whorsley d. of Ottiwell W. fourth february.
[On the lower margin reversed "John Gilbodie his book."]
(p. 18.) Jane Davenport d. of Thomas D. third December 1637.
Thomas Renshaw s. of W^m R. and Ellen Worsley d. of Ottiwell
W. fourth ffebruarie [repetition].
Robert Williams s. of Robert W. minister at Stretford 28th
June 1638.

1638.

- John Mosse s. of Phillippe Mosse first December.
Robt. Awen s. of Robert A. third Januarye.
William Chorlton s. of William Chollerton third January.
John Bent s. of John B. same day.
Edmund Barlow s. of Thomas B. of Toad lane was borne
October the twelfth in 1641.

1639.

- Katheren Harrison d. of Robert H. 29th September.

Mary Clare d. of Roger C. day and yeare abouesaid.
 Richard Hughes s. of James H. 29th October.
 Elizabeth Pawden d. of Reynolde P. day and yeare abouesaid.
 Mary Darbishire d. of W^m D. xxijth ffebruary.
 James Hughes s. of Richard H. day and yeare abouesaid.
 Margaret Blomeley d. of Richard B. " "
 (p. 19.) William Renshawe s. of William R. xiiijth Marche.
 Mary Gilbody d. of Roger G. xxjth Marche.

1640.

Richard Barker s. of William B. 14th November.
 Elizabeth d. to Robte Owen 30 Januarij.
 James Mosse s. of Philip Mosse 13th December.
 Mary Knight d. of James K. 20th December.
 John Johnsons s. of Richard J. 27th Decembr.
 Turner d. of John T. 10th January.
 Robte Hollinpriest s. of W^m H. 17th January.

1641.

John Hartley s. of John H. xxiiijth October.
 Martha Clare d. of Roger C. xiiijth Novembr [repeated].
 Lawrence son of John Bent of Stretford 7th March 1646.
 Mary d. of Francis (?) of Stretford 11th July 1647.

(p. 21.) Marriages.

Henry Erlam and Bretredy Hopwood were married at Stretford Chappell 16 day of April 1650.

[In Booker's *Didsbury and Chorlton*, p. 73, the extract from the Didsbury Register should run "Ano 1650, Robert Powell, Esq. [and] Mrs. Penelope Downes, married the 4th of August at Trafford." She was daughter of Sir Cecil Trafford, and widow of John Downes of Wardley, who died in May, 1648.]

1650.

Richard Harrison was buried the one and twentieth day of February anno dommini 1649.

Margret huse the wife of James Huse was buried the fift daye of May anno dommini 1650.

Elisabeth Mos the dauter John Mos of higin lane was buried the seventh day of may anno dommini 1650.

Mary Torner the dauter of John Torner was buried the sixtint day of may anno dommini 1650.

Margerit renschow the dauter of Thomas renschow smith was baptised seuentinth day of may anno dommini 1650.

Elen the wife of John Torner was buried the fift day of June a.d. 1650.

John Gee the son of Isabel Gee was buried sixth June.

Alis d. of John Salter buried wan and twentieth Julie.

[Baptisms.]

John Moss s. of John M. higin lane baptised 18 August.

John Sievvil s. of Richard S. first Sebtember.

(p. 20.) Robert Fledinn s. of Robert F. xviii July 1647-8.

Mary Seuill d. of John S. 28th July 1647.

Allis d. of William Shalcrosse day and yeare abouewritten.

Richard s. of Thomas Haukings 30 January 1647.

Alexander Gee s. of John G. 5 September 1647.

Anna d. of Samuell Siddall 9 July 1648.

James Hunt s. of Hamblett H. 12 November 1648.

James Barret s. of John Barrit 4 ffeb. 1648.

Anno Domini 1649.

Georg Barlow s. of Georg B. 6 May.

Elizabeth Sevil d. of John S. 6 May.

Samuel Buckley s. of Sa' B. 6 May.

Lawrence Bent s. of John Bent 27 May.

Mary Mosse d. of Phillip Moss 27 May.

John Salter s. of John S. 3 June.

Mary d. to Cleophas Radcliff Tennth ffebruary 1649.

Thomas Gilbody s. of Roger G. of Stretford xvijth Marche 1649.

William Johnson s. of John J. 1st April 1645.

(p. 21.) 1650.

Mary Turner d. of John Turner 14 Aprill 1650.

(p. 22.) The dauter of Robert . . . being still borne was buried the second day of Sebtember 1650.

Margret Renshaw d. of William R. bapt. 29 Sept.

Jonathan Barlow s. of Thomas B. bapt. 1 Oct.

Joseph Gee s. of Houmfrey Gee bapt. forthinth Oct.

An d. of Henry Rigbbe of Ashton bap. 10 Nov.

Rachel d. of Robert Owen bapt. 14 Nov.

Jane d. of Richard Huse Carrier bapt. second Desember.

Sammuell Barker s. of William B. the yonger buried forth . . .

Elizabethe wife of John Knight buried forthinth Januarie.

Richard Burchel s. of Raphe B. bapt. ninth Marche.

Mary Bentt d. of John B. bapt. last day of ffeb. 1655.

James Darbishire s. of William D. borne 21 December 1644.

William and An s. and d. of John Salter beeing twines bapt. sixt April 1651.

Marriage.

Edward Percifull and Mary Gee both of Manchester were married at Stretford Chappel tenth Aprill 1651.

An d. of John Barlow Moss Dal bapt. twenti Aprill 1651.

(p. 23.) Isabel d. of Thomas Barlow of Sale bapt. seven and twentieth Aprill 1651.

William Salter s. of John S. buried fift May.

Richard Benson the minister of gods word was buried at Stretford Chapel in the chancel the seven and twentieth day of May 1651.

Saro Shocros d. of William S. buried 30 may.

An gudier d. of Henery Guddier buried thrittethe may.

Gorge Gee s. of John bapt. fifeinth June.

John Sidall s. of Samuell S. bapt. same day.

John Moores s. of John M. at the Well banke in Sale bapt. nine and twentieth June.

Nathanell Johnson s. of Richard J. bur. 28 July.

Israel the son of John Odcroft minister at Chorlton was baptised the eight day of August Annoq. domini 1651.

Robert Mosse s. of Phillip M. bapt. tenth August.

Mary Harrison widdow bur. fifteenth August.

John Barlow s. of Edmand B. bur. won and thirtieth august.

James More s. of hennery M. bur. third September.

Thomas Harrison s. of Richard H. bur. sixt September.

Robert Stone beeing soulder under liftenant Worsly buried the fifteenth day of September annoque domini 1651.

Anne harrison d. of Richard H. bur. twentieth Sept.

Amy Shocros widow bur. eight Oct.

William hollin prist bur. fift Nov.

Henrey Knight bur. two and twentieth Nov.

(p. 24.) Margrit Mos wife of John M. bur. seventh December.

Sara richardson d. of richard R. bapt. seventh Desember.

Robert Edge s. of Robert E. bapt. seventh January.

Marich.

William Renshaw and anheuerd [Ann Hayward?] were married the seventeenth day of January.

An hollinwrth d. of Rondil H. bapt. eittenth January.

Mary Moores the dauter of John M. of Sale comonly caled lane end being kild of wooster fight was baptised the first day of february annoq. domini 1651.

Esther (?) d. of Jousua Stalior (?) babt. the prime day being in Marchch.

. d. of James hues bur. second feb.

Ellinn Johnson bur. third feb.

The dauter of Jorge barker beeing stillborne bur. first March.

Als Renshaw wife of William R. of Chorlton bur. forth March.

Rafe Gee s. of Samevell Gee bapt. five and twentieth februarie.

Samuell Gee bur. sixt march.

Lida Barker d. of William B. the yonger bapt. forth Aprill 1652.

Alis Renshall d. of William R. liuing in Salle in the parish of Ashtn was baptised the same day.

On page 28 the following entries were made out of order, and apparently all at one time.

Mildred Owen d. of Robert Owen christned 27 ffeb. 1644.

Abigaile Owen christned 10 August 1648 d. of Robert Owen.

Rachell Owen d. of Robt. Owen christ. 14 Nov. 1650.

After page 25 the entries here extracted are only those of persons whose distinguishing descriptions are added, or which are otherwise of greater interest than a mere record of names, but they do not include the names of persons from elsewhere than Stretford.

1652, Oct. 27, Jane d. of Thomas Renshall Smith bur.

1653, Apr. 11, Hughe Chorlton and Isabel Manaring married.

1653-4, Mar. 14, Henry s. of Richard Harrison of the Waise Huese [?] born.

1654-5, January 7, An d. of Thomas Renshall Smith born.

1655, April 4, Edmond s. of John Hulme gentleman born (died 21 July).

1655, May 10, Thos. Sidall and Mary Harrison joyned in marriage.

1655, June 28, John Barlow of the Moorside died, buried 29th.

1655-6, Feb. 13, Elezabeth w. of Thos. Holcroft dyed and was buried.

1656, July 14, Edmond Hulme s. of M^r John Hulme gentleman born.

1657, April 2, Gabrill s. of John Mos of higin lane buried.

1659, June 30, Tommas, s. of M^r John Hulme born.

1659, Jan. 30, Sammveill the sonne that was taken to nors by Richard Talior the Tinker was buried.

1661, Aug. 27, Ellen d. of William ffakner of the Higin lane born.

1661, Oct. 29, Jonathan s. of M^r John Holme born.

1661, Dec. 8, Edmond s. of Edmond Barlowe of Lostake born.

1661-2, Jan. 20, Jane wife of William fakner Edge house died.

1662-3, Jan. 21, Mary d. of William Mosse and of Henry Moose born.

- 1663, July 16, Elizabeth d. of John Barlow Moore side born.
1663, Nov^r 21, son (still born) of Richard Johnson of higin lane the yonger buried.
1663, March 12, James s. of Mr John Hulme born (buried 6 May 1665).
1664, April 22, Anne d. of William ffakner higin lane born.
1664-5, Jan. 10, Elizabeth w. of Richard Taylor Tinkler buried.
1665, May 19, ffrancis son of ffrancis Moosley Minister of the word of god and fellow at the Colledge at Manchester born.
1665, Oct. 13, Hanna d. of Edmond Barlow s. of Thomas Barlow borne.
1666, July 3, Sara d. of John Hulme gentleman born.
1666, July 17, William s. of William fakner of Higin lane born.
1667, May 23, Oswald s. of frachis Moseley de Turmosse cler. born.
1667, Nov. 24, Sara d. of Thomas Barlow the yonger buried.
1667-8, Mar. 3, Edmonde s. of Edmonde Barlow borne, and bapt. 22 Mar.
1667-8, Mar. 8, Elizabeth d. of Thomas Barlow borne, and bapt. 22 Mar.
1668, Ap. 23, John Bent and Elizabeth Brofeld married.
1668, Aug. 21, Rafe s. of Edmond Barlow the elder buried.
1669, Mar. 8, Thomas son of Edmond Barlow the elder borne, and bapt. 28 Mar.
1669, July 15, Martha d. of James Taylor de Mosse Lane born.
1669, July 29, Rizzibeila d. of Samuell Johnson born.
1669, Aug. 2, Martha d. of William ffaulkenor de Heggins Lane born.
1669, Aug. 18, Meriall d. of ffrances Moseley de Turmosse Cler. born.
1669, Oct. 26, Immin d. of John Barlow de Moore Side born.
1669, Dec. 29, Meriall d. of ffrances Moseley buried.
1669, last of Dec., Allixander Ratcliffe gentillman buried.
1669-70, Jan. 17, James s. of Edmond Barlow of the Crose born.

1671-2, Jan. 28, Mary d. of James Talor of the Toade Lane buried.

1672, Mar. 24, Elizabeth d. of Edmond Barlow of Crosse born.

1672, April 15, John s. of James Tallor of the Moss Lane born.

1672, May 20, Mary w. of John Bent buried.

1672, Sep. 27, Mistris franchis Trafford buried.

1672, Sept. last day, Allixander Ratcliffe gentleman buried.

1672, Nov. 29, Sir Sissill Trafford buried.

1672-3, Mar. 7, Mary d. of John Barlow of Moore Side buried.

1673, Aug. 24, John s. of James Talior of the Toode Lane born.

1673, Nov. 18, Richard Johnson higin lane buried.

1674, Apr. 21, Edward s. of Mr franchis Mosley buried.

1674, July 4, Raphe s. of Edmund Barlow of the tood lane born, and bapt. 20th.

1674, July 6, John s. of Edmond Barlow of the Cros born, and bapt. 26th.

1674, Aug. 18, Lidie d. of John Barlow of Moore Side born [buried 1 Nov^r 1674.]

1674, Sep. 5, Cathrin d. of Richard Jonson of Higin lane born.

1674, Sep. 20, Samuel s. of Lawrence Crowther of tode lane born.

1674, Nov. 5, James s. of John royle of wickilew^hick born.

1675, Oct. 17, Mary d. of Edmund Barlow of the Cross born.

1675, Dec. 12, Anna d. of John Barlow of more side born.

1676, Ap. 8, Peter Bent and Ellen Wright married.

1676, Aug. 20, Ann d. of John Roule of whickilsw^hick born.

1676, Sep. 20, Ann d. of James teyler of todelane born.

1676, Oct. 25, Ann w. of Thomas barlow the yonger buried.

1676, Nov. 6, Richard s. of richard Johnson of higin lane born.

1676, Dec. 3, Josua s. of James taylor mos lane born.

1676-7, Mar. 19, William fakener of eghhouse buried.

1677, Mar. 6, Alis d. of William fakener of higin lane born.

1677, June 15, Elizabeth d. of John Boulton Smith buried.

1677, last day August, Edmond s. of raphe Shelmerdine of Marshlach born.

1677, Dec. 4, John Gee of the Pale [Peel House, Edge Lane?] buried.

1677, Dec. 7, Alis d. of Edmond barlow de Cros born.

1678, June 19, William s. of John Boulton smith born [buried 2 Oct. '78.]

1678, Aug. 18, John Smith and Mary tornor married "with a licence."

1678, Aug. 31, Allis d. of John Gee higin lane born.

1678, Dec. 18, Mary d. of John Mosse of pholl lipes born.

1679-80, Jan. 17, James s. of James Taylyer of the Tode Lane born.

1680, Ap. 4, William s. of William Renshall of the Tode Lane born.

1680, July 27, John Bent Clark buried.

1680, Oct. 1, John Mosse of Phillips dyed.

1680-1, Jan. 4, Mary w. of Geo. Chorlton of Mosse lane buried.

1681, Jan. 23, Richard Rosthorn ye Servant of William Mosse buried.

1682, Oct. 11, Catharine d. of John Gee of Gorsehill baptized.

1682, Dec. 5, Hannah d. of John Johnson de Rund.

1683, July 2, James s. of William Mosse of Higgin lane.

1683, Nov. 26, Ann d. of William Renshaw smith bapt.

1683, Nov. 30, John ffaulkner de Edge house buried.

1685-6, Jan. 13, George and Mary, s. and d. of George Holden de Mosse Side bapt.

1686, Ap. 19, Tho. s. of Thomas Walker de Mosse Side bapt.

1689, Mar. 5, A man buried that drowned is selfe in Shaw-cross pitt.

1690, Mar. 21, Peter s. of Peter Bent of Stretford Carpenter born.

1692, April 6, Abigaille w. of John Royle dyall green buried.

1692, April 8, Ann d. of William Renshaw smith buried.

1693, July 20, William s. of William Renshaw al' Smith born.

1696, Mar. 11, Isabell w. of Hugh Chorlton buried "and afiedeue [affidavit] was made by Mr. John Hill chaplen at Manchester the 13th day of the same month.

1701, June 3, John Newton Gentleman of Stretford buried at Bowdon.

1703, Aug. 20, Humphrey y^e son of Humprey Traford of Traford was born about eight of y^e clock in y^e morning.

1705-6, Feb. 4, Sarah d. of John Gilbody Clark born.

1707, Sep. 16, Hannah d. of Sam Jonson of Stretford of y^e Rindle buried.

1707, Oct. 12, Peter s. of Thomas Hamson Linnin Weaver born.

1709, Dec. 26, John s. of John Harrison of Toad lane in Stretford born.

1711, Mar. 10, Richard s. of Sam^{ll} Johnson born, and baptised by Michell fletw^d Presbyterian Parson of the Crossway chapell.

Besides the above, the following extracts between 1652 and 1711 (the end of the first volume of the Registers) are grouped together for more convenient reference :—

Moss of Chapel Stile.

1654, April 15, William Moss of Chapel Steele died.

1669-70, Jan. 2, William s. of William Mosse Chapel born.

1671, Sep. 16, Thomas s. of William Mosse of the Chapell born.

1673, Aug. 24, Edward s. of John Mosse of Chapell Ende born.

1678, Dec. 3, William s. of William Moose of the Chapell Steele born [buried April 10, 1679.]

1691, Mar. 13, William s. of Thomas Mosse Chappel Steel born.

1694, Dec. 27, John s. of John Mosse of the Chappell Steele born.

1702, Feb. 13, Alice d. of Thomas Mosse of the Chappell Stile born.

1705, Sep. 27, Jane d. of Thomas Mosse of Chappell Stiele born.

1705, Sep. 29, John s. of Thomas Mosse of Chappell Still died.

1710, July 19, Thomas s. of Thomas Mosse of the Chappell Stile born.

1711, Aug. 31, William (?) s. of Thomas Mosse of y^e Chappell Stile born.

CARRIERS.

1654, Ap. 10, William Moss ["Carman" (?) interlined] died.
 1669, Ap. 25, John s. of John Knight Carrier born.
 1674, Aug. 30, The d. of William Mose Carrier buried.
 1675, Aug. 25, William s. of William Moss Carier born.
 1694, Oct. 2, John s. of Richard Roobinson carrier born.
 1700, Dec. 18, Henry s. of John Knight carier buried.
 1700-1, Jan. 8, Ann w. of Richard Roobison Carier buried.
 1707, Oct. 10, John s. of William Moss Carrier born.
 1708, Jan. 4, John s. of William Moss Carier of Stretford born.
 1710, Oct. 28, Hannah wife to Jno. Roscow Carryer died.
 1711, Ap. 11, Mary d. of John Knight Carrier born.
 1745, Dec. 20, William s. of John Moss London carrier and Mary his wife.

In 1725, "Moss the carrier of Stretford" is mentioned in Byrom's *Remains* (vol. i. p. 79 ; vol. ii. p. 180).

On April 29, 1736, the Manchester Court Leet fined William Moss of Stretford, London Carrier, 1s. for refusing to pay for altering his weights and making them true. (*Earwaker's Court Leet Rec.*, vol. vii. p. 48.)

The family of Moss of Chapel Stile recur in the following amateur deed assigning a strip of land in exchange for a right of way through the chapel-yard :—

County of Lancaster, October 9, 1719.

I Thomas Moss of Stretford in the Parish of Manchester in the said County do for myself & my heirs give & bequeath & assign over from me & them by these presents to the enlargement of the chapel yard of Stretford aforesaid one Little Parcel of Tenement adjoining to the chapelyard between it and my Dwellinghouse in length about ffour yards in & (*sic*) Breadth one that is all my Right Title & Interest Claim & Demand therein or that I or my heirs now have or shall have for ever without the molestation or Hinderance of me or them on condicon that the Chapel Wardens for the time present & their successors shall

suffer a passage for & such (?) to pass through the said Chapel-yard & cleanse & maintaine the same at their own cost & charges. Witness our hands the day of the year above written

his	Tho. Moss.
Thomas J C Chadwick	} Chapel Wardens.
mark.	
John Shawcross.	

Witnesses—Wm. Roscoe.

Tho. Moores.

—(*Clarke's MS.*, p. 28.)

Tho. Warburton.

The following is copied from the Registers, and shows a death-rate of about 47·5 per 1000 per annum, if the population of Stretford parish in 1695 was about 400, as it was, presumably, in 1717, when the parish contained 74 families and four dissenting families. Thirteen out of the twenty-two deaths are those of children. The "good old times" have been improved upon, the death-rate being now (1898) 13·4 per 1000 in the Stretford township.

A Register of all such p'sons as are dead since the first day of May within Stretford, 1695.

First that was buried a daughter of Jane Browns.

2. A Child of Alexander Ratcliffe.
3. A Child of Mary Barlow.
4. A Child of Ellen Hulme.
5. A Child of Alexander Ratcliffe in toad lane.
6. A Child of Thomas Mosse bab. Wm. Mosse.
7. A Child of Willi Renshawe.
8. A Child of Thomas Moores.
- 9, 10. Two Children of Charles Clarke.
11. A Child of John Barlow.
12. One William Barlow.
13. Eliz. Siddall wife of Thomas.
14. John Bantt.
15. A Child of Samuel Chorlton.

16. A Child of Margrett Hamson.
17. A Child of George Richardson.
18. Mary Gretrakes.
19. Elizabeth Harrison.

Then follow in another hand—

These are ded

20. John Siddell.
21. John Crowther.
22. Willi Renshaw al' Smith died 12th of feb. 1695.
Margrett ffawkner dyed 20th of May 1696.

Many persons who died at Stretford were buried elsewhere, as is shown by the following consecutive entries in the Stretford Registers :—

John Newton Gentleman of Stretford was buried at Bowdon June the 3^d 1701.

Peter Brown was buried June the 3^d 1701.

Ales Bradshaw was buried at Manchester June 11, 1701.

James Worsley was buried at Manchester June 26, 1701.

Jeremiah Chorton was buried at Manchester June 27, 1701.

James Siddall of Stretford was buried at Eccles July 18th 1701.

John Johnson of Stretford was buried at Ashton July 27, 1701.

James Worsley was buried at Manchester August 3^d 1701.

A female Child unbaptized was buried at Stretford August 30, 1701, of William Tunstall.

On December 19, 1688, Margaret wife of James Barlow [of Stretford] was buried at Flixton Parish Church. (*Palatine Note Book*, vol. iii. p. 29.)

Raph Barlow of Stretford was buried at flixon September the 3^d 1701.

BRIEFS.

Mr. J. E. Bailey notes in *Lanc. and Ches. Local Gleanings*, vol. i. pp. 18, 22, 26, that between 1661 and 1679 there are no

less than sixty-five entries on the Stretford Register of collections on Briefs for sufferers by fire and other casualties. This system was abolished in 1828 by 9 Geo. IV.

The Stretford List of sixty-five made up a total of £10 8s. 2d., and may be summarised as follows, with Mr. Bailey's and other annotations of collections elsewhere upon the same Briefs. The spelling "voyalant" for "violent" is still locally phonetic.

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| 1661, April 7. Thomas yovrey of horn Castle | - | - | 6 | 3 |
| [At Flixton, on April 14, 1661, 8s. 10d. were collected for Tho. Ury whose house and goods were burned. (Langton's <i>Flixton</i> , p. 78.)] | | | | |
| „ May 12. Thomas Harrisone and others more in the Sitty of London | - | - | 4 | 6 |
| [At Flixton, on April 7, 1661, 15s. were collected "for some whose houses were burned in London." (Langton's <i>Flixton</i> , p. 78.)] | | | | |
| „ June 2. Towne of Ilmister, co. Svmeret | - | - | 5 | 2 |
| [At Flixton, June 30, 23s. 7d. collected and gathered for the loss by fire in Sumersetshire. (Langton's <i>Flixton</i> , p. 78.) Sparsholt Register, Berks., Mar. 22, 1660-1, same Brief "for the relief of those that have suffered by fire." Gorton Register, March 16, 1662, "for Thomas Wilby, co. Somerset, 1s. 1d."] | | | | |
| „ July 28, Saint Mary's Cvrch in Scar barrow | - | - | 5 | 2 |
| [Flixton, July 28, 16s. 6d. collected and gathered for the reparing of a church in Scarborow (Langton's <i>Flixton</i> , p. 78), and at Ribchester on November 3, 3s. 6d. collected for two churches in Scarowbrough towne. (Smith's <i>Ribchester</i> , p. 113.)] | | | | |
| „ Aug. 11. Towne of South woldals Sovlbay, co. Suffolke | | | 3 | 0 |
| [Collected at Gorton Chapel for the maritime townes of Southwoulde and Soulbaye, co. Suffolk, July 28, 6s. (Higson's <i>Hist. Recorder</i>), and at Ribchester on July 21, 3s. 10d.] | | | | |

- 1661, Sep. 22. Pomfret chvrch [Yorkshire] - - - 8 4
 [This Brief produced £1500. On Oct. 20, 1661, at Gorton Chapel 2s. 10d. were collected. At Spars-holt, Berks., in Dec., 1661, 1s. 8d.]
- „ Nov. 17. Repeare of the Corch of Repon in Yorkeshire 4 11
 [At Flixton, same day, 6s. 4d., same brief. (Langton's *Flixton*, p. 79.) Gorton Chapel, Oct. 13, 3s. Spars-holt, Dec., 2s. 1d. Ribchester, Sept. 29, 3s. 8d.]
- 1662, Jan. 26. William Jenkison of farlton in the Parish of Mellin, co. Lancaster, by a vialent and a soden fire 4 4
 [Gorton Chapel, Feb. 16, for P. Jenkinson 1s. 4d. Ribchester, March, 30, 1662, 3s. 4d.]
- „ Feb. 9. William Coperthwaite, parish Cendall, co. Westmerland, the on and thirtith day of May for a svden fire - - - - - 2 3
 [Gorton Chapel, same day, 2s. 1d. Ribchester, Jan. 29, 2s.]
- „ Feb. 16. Thomas Thornton, James Nelson, and Christopher Milner [of Sowerby] par. Thirsk [with Emley] co. York for a svden fire - - - - 2 6
 [Gorton Chapel, same day, for Thomas Denton of..., 1s. 6d. (Higson's *Hist. Recorder*, p. 70.) Ribchester, March 2, 3s. 2d.]
- „ Apr. 20. Rafe Knight of Erlam boate, co Lancaster - 3 0
- „ Nov. 2. John Wollrich of Cresswell, co. Stafford, for a voyolent fire - - - - - 2 4
 [At Flixton 10s. 10d. were collected for John Woolworth of Cresswell. (Lawson's *Flixton*, p. 23.) Ribchester, Nov. 30, 2s.]
- 1664, Jan. 10. William Smith and others in the towne of Hexhom, co. Northumberland, for a violant fire - 3 11
 [Gorton Chapel in 1663 contributed 2s. 4d.; Ribchester, July 12, 1663, 5s. 4d.]
- „ Mar. 27. Repair of Welham Cvrch [Withyham near Tunbridge Wells] fired by lightining co. Sussex - 1 9

- [There is no Welham, co. Sussex. At Flixton xvs. were collected on March 20th for Wytheham church, co. Sussex. (Lawson's *Flixton*, p. 23.) Ribchester, April 10, 4s. 5d.]
- 1664, Ap. 17. Repeare of Saint Peeters Church in Sandwich, co. Kent - - - - - 2 6
[Flixton 5s. (Lawson's *Flixton*, p. 23.) Ribchester, April 3, 5s. 9d.]
- „ May 15. For a voyolent fire for the inhabbitants of Heghington [Heightington], par. Washingbrovgh [Wastingborough] in the parts of Kesteven, co. Lincoln - - - - - 3 0
[Flixton 12s. on July 5 for Leighington, par. Washingbough. (Lawson's *Flixton*, p. 23.) Ribchester 3s.]
- „ June 12. Inhabitants of grantam, co. Lincoln, for a voyalant fire [Ribchester 2s.] - - - - - 1 6
- „ Aug. 7. Richard Morecroft, Dyer, par. Ovghton [Hoghton], co. Lanc., for a voyalant fire - - - - - 2 8
- „ Sep. 4. Hennery Lisley [or Lisle] in Gisbrovgh, North (?) Ridng of co. Yorcke - - - - - 2 3
[At Brotherton near Pomfret 12s. were collected for Lisley, "who suffered great loss by fire." Ribchester, Jan. 1, '64, 3s.]
- „ Nov. 27. Repare of the towne of Cromer *alias* Shipden, co. Norfolk - - - - - 2 6
[Flixton, same date and brief, 8s. (Langton's *Flixton*, p. 79.) Sparsholt contributed 2s. 1d.]
- 1665, Jan. 8. Repeare of Saint Maryes Chvrch in Chester 1 10
- „ Apr. 16. For a voyalant fire in flookbvrg, co. Lanc. 1 11
[Ribchester, Jan. 8, 1664, 2s. 10d.]
- 1666, Mar. 4. Sherreford, co. Stafford, for a voyalant fire 2 2
[Sparsholt contributed 2s. for this "lamentable fire in the towne of Sherriffhales," Sep. '65.]
- „ Apr. 22. For the chorch of the borrovgh and parrish of Clvn, co. Salop - - - - - 3 0

[Sparsholt, Feb. '65-6, contributed 2s. 4d. Ribchester, Aug. 25, 2s. 3d.]			
1666, May 6. Towne of Hartlepoole, co. Durham	- -	1	5
[Sparsholt, May 13, contributed 21d.]			
„ Oct. 7. John Osborne for the losse that he sustained vpon the sea by 2 ships	- - - - -	2	3
[Sparsholt contributed 1s. 8d. for Osborne "Russia merchant, suffering losse by shipwrack and other disasters." Ribchester, Aug. 29, 2s. 4d.]			
„ Nov. 18. Towne Borovgh of Waymovth and Melcome Reagis, co. Dorset, for A voyalant fire	-	3	4
[Sparsholt 18d. for this "great fire." Ribchester, Oct. 26, 2s.]			
„ Dec. 7. A voyalant fire in worsop, co. Nottingham		3	1
„ „ 30. Repaire of Hornbee Chapell. [St. Margaret's, Hornby, co. Lancaster, erected 1514.]	- - -	1	10
1667, [May]. A voyalant fire in the town of Hinxton, co. Cambridg. [June 16, at Sparsholt 3s.]	- - -	3	5
„ Oct. 6. A voyalant fire which hapned in the towne of Lovghborovgh, co. Leicester	- - - - -	5	10
[Didsbury, Feb. 16, '67-8, 3s. 5½d. Sparsholt, June 27, 2s.]			
1668, Dec. 27. A voyalant fire that hapened in the towne of haver hill, co. Suffolk	- - - - -	2	10
[Ribchester for rebuilding Haverhill church, Feb. 21, 1668-9, 6s. 2d.]			
1669, July 11. The Poor Captives in Algiers and Salley and other Partes of the Turkes Dominions	- -	3	6
[At Didsbury, Feb. 7, 1669, 2s. 3d. "upon ye Briefe for captives within ye Turkes Dominions." (Booker's <i>Didsbury</i> , p. 74.)]			
„ July 25. The inhabitants of Tibberton, co. Salop, for a violent fire which happened in the sayd towne	-	3	3
[Didsbury, July 25, 3s. 1d. Ribchester, for rebuilding the Chappell and other houses, July 18, 3s. 8d.]			

1669. Aug. 22. The towne of Brocton, co. Stafford, for a violent fire which there happened - - - 5 8
 [Didsbury, 2s. 6d. Ribchester, fire May 5, anno Regni Caroli 18th, collected August 24, 2s. 9d.]
- 1670, May 29. A voyalant fire that hapned in the town of Cottonend, par. Hardedingeton [Harington], co. Northampton - - - - - 3 10
 ["In 1668 there was a great fire in Cotton End, only six houses being left standing in the short space of two hours." (Freeman's *Hist. Northampton*, p. 68.) Didsbury, May 15, 9s. 4d. Ribchester, May 1, 5s. 10½d.]
- „ June 12. A vialant fire that hapned in the towne [Iseham], co. Cambridge - - - - - 4 0
 [Sparsholt, May 22, 1670, 2s. 4d. Didsbury, Aug. 7, 5s. 1d. Ribchester, Isleham, July 10, 5s. 3d.]
- „ June 26. A voyalant fire which hapned in the towne of Moole brace, co. Salop - - - - - 4 6
 [Didsbury, July 12, 5s. 1d. Ribchester, June 5, 5s. 0½d.]
- „ Oct. 30. A voyalant fire wich hapned in the towne of Wolsingeham, co. Durham - - - - - 2 10
 [Ribchester, Sep. 18, 9s. 8d.]
- „ Dec. 18. A voyalant fire which hapned in the towne of Beckles, co. Suffolk - - - - - 3 0
 [Didsbury, Feb. 12, '70-1, 4s. Ribchester, Oct 30, 3s.]
- 1671, Apr. 23. John Gv . . . her of bensley, co. Stafford, for a voyalant fire - - - - - 2 0
 [Didsbury, John Turner of Bentle, May 28, 2s. 10d. Ribchester, John Dyne of Bentley, Jan. 1, 1670-1, 3s. 4d.]
- „ July 16. A voyalant fire which happened in our towne of yarvm, co. York - - - - - 2 10
 [Didsbury, 2s. 9d. Ribchester, Aug. 13, 4s.]

- 1671, Aug. 27. Towne of Halton, par. Whitborke in the
parts of the north Ridinge, co. York - - - 2 10
[Didsbury, 2s. 2d. Ribchester 2s.]
- 1672, Ap. 21. A voyalant fire which hapened in the ham-
lit of Ligrave, par Lvton, co. Bedford - - - 2 11
[Sparsholt, Aug. 1672, 3s. 4d. Didsbury, Apr. 28,
3s. 7d. Ribchester, June 9, 1673, 2s.]
- „ Aug. 18. A voyalant fire which was in Cold harborr,
par. Great All hallowes in the Sitty of London - 2 10
- „ Sep. 1. Towne of Bilkington, co. Warwick, for a voy-
alant fire - - - - - 2 0
[Ribchester, Bulkington, Apr. 13, 1673, 1s. 6d.]
- 1673, Jan. 26. Rondall Shenton, par. Wisterton, co. Chester,
for a voyalant fire - - - - - 3 1
- „ May 4. A voyalant fire in the theatree royall in the
parrish of Martin in the ffields, co. Middlesex - 2 2
[Loughborough Registers “ 1673, Brief for rebuilding
the Theatre Royal in London. Ribchester, the in-
habitanee of Russell Streete of St. Martin in ye
fields, May, 9s.”]
- „ June 29. James Perry of hinslock, co. Salop, for a
voyalant fire - - - - - 2 0½
[Ribchester, James Peny and others of Peny of Hin-
stock, June 1, 1s. 8d.]

The form of a Brief used in 1744 is set forth, as if for use if
occasion arose, on the inner side of the earliest extant volume of
the Stretford Churchwardens' Accounts, as follows:—

Henry Clayton Tent^t under . . . Tilsley (?).

We the Rector Ch. Wardens, Overseers of the Poor & other
the principal Inhabitants & Land Owners of the parish of . . .
in the County of . . . ne[a]r . . . & other the neighboring
clergy gentry & freeholders living thereabouts do certify that on
the . . . day of . . . 1744 There happend to break out a
very sudden & dreadfull fire in the drying kiln belonging to

Robt Rushton in the Township of afores^d by means whereof & the violence of the wind in a short space of time not only burnt down & consumd the said kiln but also 7 Mills a fulling Mill & Malthouse thereunto adjoining with all the Utensils belonging to the same together with a large Quantity of & which by violence of the flames were either entirely consumd or renderd unuseable w^{ch} buildings the said Robt had but then lately erected completed in 1742 & 3 at a very great expence wherein he not only expended all his own Substance but also had been obligd to borrow several sums thereupon to the utter ruin of himself & family without the benevolence and charitable of well disposed persons . . . a careful Estimate hath been made of the said Loss which upon a moderate computation amounts to the sum of 300 L & upwards . . . the s^d Robt — hath alwayes hitherto lived in an honest & very creditable manner but being now destitute of all means of getting any either for himself or his family we do recommend him as a really worthy object of Charity. In station of the truth of the premisses we have hereunto set our hands.

J. B., Rector.

C. L. }	Churchwardens.	: : F. }	Overseers.
D. T. }		: . . . }	

J. Pickering.
&c.

We whose hands are underwritten the Clergy Gentry & other Inhabitants residing near to the s^d Parish of Do believe the Contents of the aboue Certificate to be true.

J. W., Rector of Warton (?).

Having considered the Loss by fire as represented in the Case aboue & being satisfied of the truth of it by the Hands of the Clergy Gentlemen & others who have attested it I do allow the publishing it in the churches & chapels within the Archdeaconry of only in order to promote a contribution in such manner as the respective ministers shall think most proper for the relief of the poor Sufferer & his family.

Mr. Clarke has noted (*MS.* vol., p. 175) three memoranda relating to the observance of the Act of Parliament, passed in 1667 and repealed in 1814, requiring bodies to be buried in woollen. The first of these three is dated November 18th, 1718, and states that Mary Pickford of Stretford made oath before Samuel Bellis, curate of Ashton-super-Mersey, that the body of Margaret Derbyshire of Stretford was interred in nothing prohibited by the Act. The witnesses were Eliz. Bellis and Alice Taylor. The next is dated December 20th, 1718, when Ann, wife of Samuel Hampson of Stretford, thatcher, swore before Radley Aynscough, Cap. de Manchester, that the body of Sarah, wife of Tho. Tipping of Stretford, husbandman, was interred according to the Act. The third is dated May 19, 1719, when John Aylmer, A.M., certified that Isabel ffallas of Stretford swore before him that the body of William ffallas of Stretford was interred according to the Act. The witnesses were Ro^t Armistead and Maria Cotton.

The Flixton Register contains an entry, "1705, James Gee of Stretford Buryed in Sweet flowers only, Feb. 7th. Sworne before Peter Egerton, Esq." (*Langton's Hist. of Flixton*, p. 82.)

The Flixton Registers also contain the following Stretford entries amongst others :—

1719, Elizth Yeatley a child from Stretf^d Bur. June 17, 1719.

„ A D^r [daughter] of one Barkers a child from Stretf^d bur. June 17, 1719.

Also "Old Widow Crowder from Stretford."

Old Henry Roile from Stretford.

1814, Hannah Painter of Stretford, age 85.

1819, Catharine Bannister of Stretford, age 84.

1822, John Winterbotham of Stretford, age 83.

1827, John Boardman of Stretford, age 89.

„ Thomas Royle of Stretford, age 83.

„ Thomas Chadwick of Stretford, age 81.

1828, Han^h Winterbotham of Stretford, age 86.

1829, Rich^d Gibbon of Stretford, age 85.

—(*Op. cit.*, pp. 82, 83.)

George Massie of Stretford, yeoman, was buried in the Manchester Parish Church on March 31, 1784, aged 79, and his namesake, also of Stretford, yeoman, was buried there Dec. 22, 1804, aged 67. (Hibbert-Ware's *Foundations*, vol. ii. p. 259.)

The later Stretford Registers contain a memorandum by the Rev. Thomas Seddon, who succeeded the Rev. William Stopford, as follows :—

“The freeholders in any township where an officer of excise resides have a right to dispose of the money paid by way of Land Tax out of the salary of such officer in what manner they shall think proper. On Feb. 15 (*sic*), 1769, a meeting of the Landowners of the Chapelry of Stretford was held in the Chapel of Stretford, according to legal notice; and by a majority of the meeting, the Land Tax payable by the excise officer was ordered to be annexed to the income of the Rev. Mr. Stopford, then curate of Stretford, but this donation was afterwards discontinued on account of some umbrage given to the inhabitants of Stretford by the said Rev. Mr. Stopford, nor has it since been appropriated to that act of generosity.”

According to the record of the meeting it was held on February 5th, and the minutes were signed by the following Freeholders :—

Richard Assheton.	} Fellows of } Manch. Coll.	Rich ^d + Johnson's
Maurice Griffith.		mark.
Edward Stelfox.		John Hampson.
Thomas Chadwick.		Hannah + Brundrett's
Jonathan Lowe.		mark.
Thomas Walford.		James + Hampson's
James Hulm.		mark.
Joshua Taylor.		Ann + Hampson's
Andrew O Pickston's		mark.
mark.		Thomas + Jones's
John Moss.		mark.

James Painter.
Wm. Twiss.
James Darbyshire.
James Royle.
John + Johnson's
mark.

Alice + Howarth's
mark.
Robert Cheshire.
John Johnson.
John Brundrit.
Wm. Heginbotham.

These Registers also contain another memorandum addressed by Mr. Seddon to "Mr. Harrison," probably son of "Mr. Harrison, gent.," who was married October 17, 1706, at Stretford, and in 1717 gave a benefaction amounting to £230 to Stretford Chapel. The entry runs :—

"Mr. Harrison. Please to take notice that the Register has been so irregularly kept in Mr. Stopford's time that I have numbered the leaves in Rotation to which if you write it out you are to refer, and that the presentm^{ts}, &c., are to be directed to the Lord Bishop of Chester, his Vicar General, or other Judge competent.

"Baptisms—begin page 1st turned down first enter and turn over twenty leaves to page 2nd, there you will see on the left hand side two Baptisms marked page 3rd, w^h you are to enter in the place referred to under them, after which go on alternately from the 4th to the tenth page, which ends the Baptisms.

"Burials begin at the second turning down of the leaves, the beginning of which you'll soon know, beginning at Ellen Daughter of Wm. Renshaw, then turn over the leaf beginning at Mary Daughter of Joseph and Alice Knight, continuing to Jas. son of John Feelds; here appears from Katharine to be a large vacancy, and whether any have been omitted in that time is rather doubtful. However, I can find no entry made from the twelvth (*sic*) of June, 1776, to the twenty-eighth of Jan^y, 1777, from which time they are regularly entered—by your Humble Serv^t

Tho^s Seddon."

The following extracts from the subsequent Stretford Registers were made by Mr. John Owen ("Old Mortality"), whose invaluable compilations have been recently and most fortunately secured by the Manchester Corporation, for their Free Reference Library :—

Baptisms.

1713, Apr. 5, Wm. s. of Wm. Mosse Carrier baptised, born 15 March.

1714-4, Feb. 28, Wm. s. of John ffawkner baptised.

1714, Dec. —, d. of Samuel Worthington of Old Trafford baptised.

1714, Dec. 31, May daughter of Edward Downes bap. at Old Trafford.

1714, July 12, Chas. s. of Chas. Lowe carrier was borne and was bapt' the 17.

1714, June 23, Jas. s. of Wm. Moss was born and was bapt' 13 July.

1715, Nov. 22, John s. of John ffaukner was born and was bap. the 4th.

1715-16, January 22, Mary, d. of Tho. Hamson in ye Butt Lane was born and was bap. 29.

1718, Ap. 20, Tho. s. of John ffaulkner and Eliz. his wife.

1719, Sep. 6, Tho. s. of Chas. Lowe and Jane his wife.

1719, Oct. 14, John s. of John Hawker and Alice his wife.

1722, Jan. —, Ann. d. John Fawkner and Eliz. his wife.

1725, Aug. 8, Mary d. of Wm. Falconer and Anne his wife.

1726, Feb. 12, John s. of Wm. Falconer and Anne his wife.

1733, Dec. 30, Ellen d. of Oswald Crowther Ale seller and Anne his wife.

1737, June 5, Betty d. of Thos. Hampson of the Yew Tree and Eliz. his wife, born May 21.

1737-8, feb. 19, Edward s. of Wm. Mason and Isabel his wife, born feb. 8.

1737-8, Mar. 17, Jane d. of Peter Hampson of the Edge and Anne his wife, born March 10.

1738, Apr. 9, Mary d. of Tho. Fowden of Cold hill and Katherine his wife, born March 14.

1738, July 16, Mary d. of late James Crowther and Hannah his wife, born and bap. July 16.

1743, July 20, Hannah d. of John falkner and Eleanor his wife.

1745, Nov. 23, Wm. s. of John falkner and Margret his wife.

1747, Apr. 17, Thos. s. of John falkner and Peggy his wife.

1748, Oct. 7, Elizabeth d. of Henry Raingill Innholder and Alice his wife.

1748-9, feb. 2, James s. of James Painter butcher and Hannah his wife.

1748-9, feb. 26, Mary d. of John faulkner and Margaret his wife.

Marriages.

1730, Dec. 31, John Leigh of Middle Hilton in ye Parish of Dean gentleman and Silence Wagstaffe of Stretford, Spinster.

1733, Oct. 18, Mr. John Harrison of Northenden Clergyman and Curate and Sarah Whiteley of Northenden Spinster.

1734, Oct. 3, John Wilson Soldier in Collonel Harrison's Regiment quartered at Manchester and Martha Mitchell of Manchester Spinster.

1747, Henry Raingill officer of Excise and Alice Cookson of Stretford Widdow married by Mr. Jones of Flixton.

1748, Oct. 19, Robert Whitworth of Manchester Bookseller and Printer and Catharine Johnson of the same spinster.

Baptisms.

1749, Sep. 24, Margret d. of Thomas Hampson of Cold Hill and Martha his wife.

1749, Dec. 3, Ann d. of Henry Leicester of Turf Moss and Martha his wife.

1750, May 6, Mary d. of John falkner and Margaret his wife.

1751, Mar. 26, James and Jonathan sons of John faulkner and Peggy his wife.

1752, Feb. —, John s. of John falkner and Margaret his wife.

1752, Apr. 20, Parker son of Henry Raingill Innholder and Alice his wife.

1753, Mar. 2, John s. John falkner farmer and Margaret his wife.

1753, May 29, Alice dau. of John Fallows of the pump house and Alice his wife.

1753, June 29, Ellen d. of Samuel Parkinson of Chorlton and Sarah his wife.

1753, July 29, Mary d. of Wm. Moss of the Angel and Elizabeth his wife.

1753, Oct. 21, Mary d. of John Hampson of the Buggard house and Ann his wife.

1754, June 9, Robert s. of Henry and Alice Raingill of the Cock.

1754, Aug. 4, Emm d. of William Moss of the Angel and Elizabeth his wife.

1754, Aug. 8, James s. of John falkner and Margaret his wife.

1754, Sept. 22, Thomas s. of John Moss of the Packhorse Innholder and Mary his wife.

1755, Nov. 5, Ann, d. of John falkner and Margaret his wife.

1756, June 7, John son of W^m Moss of the Angel and Betty his wife.

1756, Sep. 5, James s. of John Moss of the Packhorse and Mary his wife.

1756, Dec. —, James s. of John falkner and Margaret his wife.

1757, Jany. 14, Joseph son of Benjamin Pownal of the Cock and Sarah his wife.

1757, June 5, Alice d. of James Renshaw Innholder of the Great Stone and Mary his wife.

1757, June 5, John s. of John Owen of y^e four lane ends farmer and Mary his wife.

1758, Jany. 25, James s. of John falkner and Margaret his wife.

1758, Mar. 4, George s. of Jonathan Worthington of Old Trafford and Susanna his wife.

1758, Mar. 19, Anthony s. of Mr. Anthony Jobling Officer in the Excise and Sarah his wife.

1759, Mar. 25, Mary d. of John falkner and Margaret his wife.

1759, June 12, Daniel s. of Jonathan Worthington the younger of Old Trafford and Susannah his wife.

1759, June 17, Bridget d. of Amos Bannister Wheelwright and Catharine his wife.

1760, May 11, John Loyd s. of Jonathan Worthington of Old Trafford and Susannah his wife.

1761, Aug^t —, James s. of John faulkner and Margaret.

1762, Oct. 10, Ann d. of Danill Walker and Ann his wife.

1762, Nov. 14, Mary d. of William Whitelegg Schoolmaster of Stretford and Jane his wif.

1762, Dec. 12, Samuel s. of John falkner and Margaret.

1763, Jany. 1, Catherine d. of Thos. Whittle and Margaret his wife of Chorlton.

1763, feb. 27, Alice d. of Wm. Hampson of the Edge House farmer and Betty his wife.

1763, May 8, John s. of Amos Bannister Wheelwright and Catherine his wife.

1765, Oct. 18, Geo. son of Amos Bannister Wheelwright and Catherine his wife.

1766, Mar. 6, Thos. s. of John Salter labourer and Ellen his wife.

1767, June 14, Isabell d. of Amos Bannister and Catherine his wife.

1767, July 3, Joshua s. of Rev. Wm. Stopford privately baptised July 20. Rec'd 30.

1767, Sep. 27, Mary d. of Edward Walton Innholder at the Cock and Ann his wife.

1770, Sep. 9, Jane d. of Jonathan Watson of Chorlton Husbandman and Esther his wife.

1771, Jany. 27, Amos s. of Amos Bannister of Stretford Wheelwright and Catherine his wife.

Burials.

- 1727, Aug. 26, Peter March of ye Throstle Nest buried.
 1731-2, Jany. 24, Wm. s. to Elizabeth faulkner widow buried.
 1766, Aug. 8, The Rev. Mr. John Baxter buried.
 1804, April 30, the Revd. John Sutcliff aged 49 y., Consumption, single.
 1813, Aug. 10, Sarah Scholfield of Stretford aged 27 y., buried.
 Service performed by G. Gaskell.

Weddings.

- 1712, July 19, Giles Crowther and Shusan fletcher.
 1712, Sep. 23, Robert Crowther and Mildred Hampson.
 1712, Oct. 7, John Royle and Elizabeth Knight.
 1712, Nov. 2, Ellis Madher and Mary Roberts.
 1713, May 14, James Hayworth and Margrett Worrall of Eccles.
 1713, July 30, Robert Gibbon and Mary Warrington.
 1713, Nov. 5, John faukner and Elizabeth Mascie.
 1713, Dec. 29, Thos. Richardson and Hannah Whiteley.
 1719, May 21, Thos. Tipping of this town and Alice Langshaw of Parish of Ashton s. Mersey.
 1719, Sept. —, Edw^d Boardman and Eliz. Rawlinson both of Tetlow in Parish of Manchester.
 1719, Sep. 21, Thos. Coppock and Martha Thorpe of Chorlton.
 1720, July 28, Thos. Royle and Mary Rencher both of this town.
 1721, Sep. 7, Sam^l Craddock of Lainsome [Levenshulme] and Eliz. Grimshaw of Droylsden both in the Parish of Manchester.
 1722, Sep. 5, Wm. Cowper of Manchester gentleman and Elizabeth Lansdale of Manchester Spinster.
 1729, Dec. 30, Saml. Johnson of Stretford butcher and Mary Sherlock of Erlum Sp.
 1730, Mar. 31, Edward Hulme, Tayler and Elizabeth Leese Sp. both of Stretford.
 1730, Oct. 27. Joseph Bentley, Tayler and Anne Bradshaw Sp. both of Stretford.

1730, Dec. 9, John Lomax of Worsley labourer and Anne Heywood of Chorlton Sp.

1732, June 5, John Boardman of S. Labourer and Elizth Pickstone Sp.

1733, Aug. 31, John fallows of the Par. of flixton Husbandman and Alice Davenport of Flixton Sp.

1734, Ap. 18, Jas. Sidwell Labourer and Mary Whittle both of Traftord.

1734, June 5, John Gresty Husbandman and Ellen Goddard Sp. both of the Par. of Manchester.

1734, Sep. 2, Henry Lee and Anne Park both of the Par. of Manch.

1734, Oct. 6, Aaron Artingstall of the Par. of Ashton s. Mersey Labourer and Margaret Kersley of the Par. of Manch.

Baptisms at the Collegiate Church, Manchester.

Extracted by John Owen.

1606, Maye 18, Suzan daughter to William Hampson of Trafford.

1606, Aug. 16, Mary d. of Alexander Radcliffe Manch de hill in Stretford.

1606, Dec. 14, Gillian d. of James Johnson of Stretford.

1606-7, Jany. 25, Willm. Sonne of James Morris of Trafford.

1606, ffeb. 1, Ellyn d. of Alexander Barlowe of Stretford.

1606, ffeb. 24, Mary d. of Richard Hampson of Stretford.

1606, March 14, Thomas base s. of Ellin Johnson of Stretford.

1607, July 3, Edward s. of John Hutchinson of Stretford.

1607, Aug. 7, Margaret d. of Abraham Lord of Trafford.

1608, Sep. 4, Ellen d. of Alexander Radcliffe of Stretford.

1608, Jan. 8, Henry s. of Henry Lytherland of Trafford.

1610, Oct. 7, Matthew s. of Edmund Shalcrosse of Crowfield Yate.

1610-11, Jany. 13, Edmund s. of John Deane of Trafford.

1613, Oct. 17, Leonarde s. of John Deane of Stretford.

1614, June 11, Jane d. of John Crowder of Stretford.

1615, Oct. 1, Rychard s. of Rychard Rayneshall of Stretford.

1616, Ap. 20, Robert s. of Robert Edge Par. of Eccles and Anne Spencer of Stretforde.

1616, Maye 26, Elizabeth d. of William Hampson of Stretford.

1616, Julie 30, Samuel s. of John Deane of Trafford.

1616, Dec. 8, Samuel s. of Richard Johnsonne of Stretford.

1616-7, Mar. 9, Edward s. of Thomas Rainshawe of Stretford.

1617, Oct. 26, George s. of John Gee of Stretford.

1617-8, Jany. 18, Anne d. of Willm. Edge of Stretford.

1617, Jany. 25, Ellyn d. of Willm. Hampson of Crowfieldyate.

1618, Sep. 10, John s. of John Deane of Trafford.

1618, Sep. 13, John s. of John Barlowe of Stretford.

1618, Dec. 13, Sara d. of James Parre of Stretford.

1620, Julie 9, John s. of John Mosse of Stretford.

1621-2, Jany. 1, James s. of John Deane of Trafford.

1622, Apr. 20, William s. of Henrye ffawkner of Stretford.

1622, Oct. 6, Humphrey s. of John Gee of Stretford.

1623, Ap. 7, John s. of Anthonie Barret of Stretford.

1623-4, Jany. 10, Jane d. of Thomas Rainshawe of Stretford.

1624, Julie 4, Samuel s. of Abraham Taylier of Stretford.

1624, Sep. 5, Adam s. of Thomas Syddall of Stretford.

1625, June 5, Edward s. of Richard Gilbodie of Stretfford.

1626, Dec. 24, John s. of John Chourton of Stretford.

1628-9, Mar. 8, Henrye s. of James Knighte of Stretford.

1631, Sep. 25, Samuell s. of William Mosse of Stretford.

1631-2, Jany. 16, John s. of William Brundrith of Stretford.

1632, June 24, Ellin d. of Edward Hampson of Stretford.

1633, Dec. 8, Edward s. of William Brundwoodd of Stretford.

1634, Maye 18, Elizabeth d. of Richard Gregory of Stretford.

1634-5, Jany. 23, Joseph s. of Henrye Knighte of Stretford.

1635, Aug. 29, Elizabeth d. of John Chorlton of Stretford.

1636, Dec. 9, Penelope d. of Robert Owen of Stretford.

1637, Julie 16, John s. of Richard Gregory of Stretford.

1637, Oct. 7, Robart s. of William Brunderett of Stretford.

1637, Dec. 30, Robart s. of William Mosse of Stretford.

1638, Apr. 8, Anna d. of Richard Johnson of Stretford.

- 1638, June 12, John s. of John Gee of Stretford.
 1638, Nov. 10, John s. of James Taylier of Stretford.
 1638, Dec. 27, Robart s. of Robart Owen of Stretford.
 1640, Apri. 12, William s. of John Gee of Stretford.
 1640, Maye 26, Mary d. of William Brundreth of Trafford.
 1640, June 21, Alice d. of John Taylor of Stretford.
 1640-1, Jany. 26, Elizabeth d. of Robert Owen of Stretford.
 1642-3, Jany. 22, Joseph s. of John Gee of Stretford.
 1643, Sep. 17, Alice d. of Mr. John Mosse of Stretford.
 1644-5, Mar. 9, Mildred d. of Robert Owen of Stretford [in
 large letters].
 1648, Dec. 30, Hanna d. of William Brundreth of Stretford.
 1661, May 23, Ann d. of Robert Pendlebury borne in Stretford.
 1663, July 5, Ellen d. of Symon Karsley of Stretford.
 1663, July 12, George s. of Edward Hampson of Stretford.
 1669, June 29, Elizabeth d. of Benjamin Cliffe of Stretford.
 1697-8, ffeb. 20, Anne d. of Charles Clarke of Triford.
 1699, Ap. 9, Ellen d. of Joseph Earlum of Stretford.
 1702, May 10, Jonathan s. of Joseph Earlham of Stratford.
 1704, June 3, Richard s. of Richard Knight of Stretford Carrier.
 1705, Dec. 27, to John Shacross of Stretford.
 1718, July 24, James s. of John Asheton at Streetford.
 1718, Sep. 1, George s. of George Fletcher of Cornbrook in
 Stretford.
 1719, Dec. 27, John s. of John Ashton of Streetford.
 1734, June 29, Sarah d. of Thomas Lightbowne of Streetford.
 1737, Aug. 24, George s. of George Massey of Stretford at
 St. Anns.
 1739, June 17, Mary d. of Robert Leigh of Stretford.
 1740, Mar. 8, Ann d. of William Chorlton of Stretford.

Marriages at the Collegiate Church, Manchester.

Extracted by John Owen.

The first marriage in which the township of Stretford is mentioned is :—

1654, Aug. 1, Jeremie Chorlton of Stretford Husbandman sonn of John Chorlton of the same Husbandman and Jane Browne of Stretford Daughter of John Browne late of the Parish of Burye deceased. Witness Gyles Crowther, John Mosse, Richard Williamson, Edward Knight.

1654, Aug. 22, John Johnson of S. Widower Husbandman and Elizabeth Tatton of Northenden in the County of Chester Daughter of Robert Tatton late of y^e same Deceased. Witness John Crowther, James Barrett, Richard Johnson.

1654, Oct. 3, William Hatton of Broadwell Greene in y^e Countie of Chester Carrier Sone of Richard Hatton of y^e same Carrier and Elizabeth Hollinpriest of Stretford Daughter of William Hollinpriest of y^e same deceased. Witness Joseph Coape, clerke, Hughe Barlowe, Hughe Hodgkinson.

1654, Oct. 12, Arthur Gilbodie of Stretford son of Richard Gilbodie late of y^e same Deceased and Margaret Charlson of Stretford Daughter of John Charleson late of Urmston Deceased. Witness Robert Wilcock, Richard Gilbodie, and Thomas Moores.

1654, Dec. 27, Christopher Slater of Trafford Cooke sonn of Richard Slater late of the Parish of Kirkham Deceased and Jane Mosse of Stretford widowe. Witness James Bradshaw, Richard Ellor, Richard Marsden.

1654-5, Jan. 18, John Wright of Burnedge Shoemaker sonn of John Wright late of Stretford Deceased and Ales Barlowe of the same Daughter of John Barlowe Deceased. Witness Thomas Collier, Peter Walkden, Katherine Smith, Elizabeth Barlowe.

1654-5, ffeb. 3, John Turner of Stretford Husbandman and widower and Elizabeth Barlow dau. of Alexander Barlow late of Stretford deceased. Witness Tho. Turner, Robert Edge, Margaret Chorlton.

1655, June 4, Samuel Gilbodie of Stretford sonn of Thomas Gilbodie late of y^e same deceased and Ellen Moore of Manchester dau. of John Moore late of Northenden in the County of Chester deceased. Witness James Moore, William Redish, Joseph Gilbodie.

1655, Dec. 22, Thos. Hamson of Stretford Husbandman sonn of Raphe H. of the same Husbandman and Isabell Baxter of Deavie Hulme in y^e Par. of Eccles Dau. of Edmund Baxter of y^e same Husbandman. Witness Raphe Hamson, Edmund Baxter.

1656, June 8, Edmund Barlow of S. husbandman sonn of Raphe Barlow of y^e Par. of Eccles Deceased and Mary Scoles of Prestwich dau. of John Scoles of y^e same yeoman. Married at Manchester before Robert Hyde of Denton, Esq. Witness Robert Owen, John Salter, James Ottiwell.

1656, June 24, Symon Karsley of S. Schoolmaster sonn of Robert Karsley late of y^e Par. of Leighe Deceased and Ellen Gilbodie of S. dau. of Richard G. late of y^e same deceased were married before Thos. Birch, Esq. Witness Arthur Gilbodie, John Siddall, John Hampson.

1656, Nov. 25, John Harrison of S. yeoman sonn of Richard H. late of y^e same deceased and Mary Gee of S. widow. Witness Mr. Robert Owen, Tho. Haworth.

1657, May 12, Jas. Kelsall of Redish husbandman sonn of Raynold Kelsall of y^e Par. of Cheadle in y^e County of Chester Husbandman and Bridgett Manwaring of Stretford dau. of Arthur Manwaring late of y^e same deceased. Witness Roger Kenion gent., Tho. Haworth, John Gee.

1657, June 25, Tho. Rogers of S. yeoman son of Richd. Rogers late of y^e Par. of fflixton deceased and Ann Warburton of S. dau. of John W. late of y^e Par. of Eccles deceased. Witness Robert Owen, Lawrence Crowther, John Knight.

1657, Nov. 9, Oliver Seddall of S. husbandman and widower and Mary Shelmerdine dau. of Thos. Shelmerdine of Chorlton Tayler married at Manchester before Richard Haworth, Esq. Witness John Nield, Raphe Shelmerdine.

1657-8, Mar. 14, William Robinson of S. son of William R. of y^e same yeoman and ffrances Jackson of Stretford dau. of George J. late of Houghend deceased married at fflixton by Edward Woolmer minister at fflixton. Witness Nathan Johnson, Richard Jones, Jane Davie, and others.

1660, May 24, James Chourlton of S. son of William C. deceased and Alice Manwaringe of the same married at Manchester by Edward Richardson minister at Stretford. Witness Robert Turner, John Shalcrosse.

[After this date the townships are not named until 1703.]

1703, Oct. 30, Alexander Wratchcliffe of Stretford and Sarah Pinnington Par. of fflixon.

1703, Dec. 29, Peter Heward of S. and Sarah Barlow Par. of Ashton s. M.

1704, Oct. 8, Thos. Tipping and Ellen Valentine of Stretford.

1704, Oct. 21, Richard Baxter and Martha Holland, Stretford.

1705, May 31, Geo. Richardson of S. and Ann Coppock H.

1706, May 20, Henry Booth and Jane Brown; he of Stretford.

1706, June 2, James Davie and Martha Smith p^r L[icense], both of Stretford husbandman.

1706, Oct. 17, John Harrison and Ann Davies per L. both of Stretford.

1706-7, Feb. 6, William Taylor and Katherine Dane, he of Stretford.

1707, Oct. 4, Thos. Chadwicke of S. and Mary Royle P. of Flixon, L[icense].

1707, Oct. 19, Thos. Shepherd and Jane Gee of S.

1740, June 7, Thos. Hesketh of Chorlton and Alice Moors of Stretford per L.

1746, Aug. 19, John Renshaw and Ann Holbrook of S.

1747, Dec. 12, Richard Kay and Mary Downes both of S.

1754, Sep. 15, Samuel Pearson of Prestwich Crofter and Mary Bayley of S.

1754, Sep. 29, Richd. Buckley Husbandman and Mary Hampson Stretford.

1754, Dec. 22, Thos. Wright Husbdman and Hannah Worthington both of S., L.

1755, Jany. 17, Richard Johnson Weaver and Alice Shakeshaft Stretford.

1755, feb. 8, John Renshaw Butcher and Ann Gibbon of S.

1755, feb. 17, Henry Downes of S. husbdman and Eliz. Leigh of Urmston.

1755, Mar. 30, Robt. Barlow husbdman and Mary Siddall S.

1755, Aug. 19, Nicholas Simister Chapman and Ann Rigby both of S.

1755, Dec. 7, John Hunt Cordwainer and Hannah Royle S.

1756, feb. 19, Robert Blomeley of Didsbury Tanner and Christian Mather of S.

1756, feb. 22, James Taylor Carpenter and Mary Holbrook S.

1756, Mar. 2, Joseph Holt Weaver and Mary Hartingstall S.

1756, Oct. 11, Samuel Jackson Husbdman and Ellen Pickin S.

1756, Nov. 4, Cleopas Ratcliffe Husbdman and Margret Morton S.

1757, May 3, John Brundritt Shoemaker and Sarah Moss S.

1757, Aug. 4, Anthony Jobling of Manchester Exciseman and Sarah Bradshaw of S., L.

1757, Aug. 9, John Holt of Chorlton Tailor and Alice Wainwright of S.

1757, Aug. 31, John Fallows of S. Husbandman and Ann Haworth of Chorlton.

1757, Oct. 25, Jonathan Hulme Farrier and Martha Lester Widow S.

1757, Nov. 13, Amos Bannister Wheelwright of S. and Katherine Robinson of Heaton Norris.

1757, Dec. 17, Peter Sumner of Northenden Husbⁿ and Margaret Barlow of Stretford, L.

1757, Dec. 18, James Bentley of Lostock Weaver and Ann Millet of S.

1758, Ap. 10, Geo. Rowbotham of S. Husbⁿ and Martha Mac-kaney of M. Widow.

1758, July 1, Tho. Whitnall Shoemaker and Ann Kirke S.

1758, Aug. 9, Thos. Brownhill of Lostock in Eccles Par. Husbⁿ and Ellen Oldfield of S. a minor, L.

1758, Sep. 10, Isaac Cookson Husb^{dm}. and Betty Hampson S.

1758, Sep. 19, John Boardman Husb^{dm}. and Ann Mellor S.

1758, Sep. 19, John Holm of S. Husb^{dm}. and Mary Taylor of Sale Spinster.

1758, Oct. 4, Jas. Crowther of S. Carrier and Hannah Leicester, of Bowdon, L.

1758, Oct. 30, Chas. Garlick of Oldham Carrier and Betty Davenport of S.

1758, Nov. 4, Jas. Dooley of Millington in Rostorn farmer and Hannah Crowder of S.

1758, Dec. 11, Richd. Knight of S. Weaver and Martha Leigh of Northen.

1759, feb. 6, Isaac Hall of Withington Husbⁿ and Mary Fletcher of S.

1759, Sep. 2, Jas. Renshaw of Chorlton Husb^dⁿ and Sarah Owen of S.

1759, Oct. 4, Joseph Hampson Husbⁿ and Hannah Steatham widow of Stretford, per L.

1759, Nov. 10, William Ogden Weaver and Mary Hampson S.

1759, Dec. 1, John Worthington of S. Husbⁿ and Sarah Hesketh of Chorlton.

1759, Dec. 27, Cranage Tench of M. Shoemaker and Elizabeth Hancock of S.

1760, feb. 5, Jas. Scholfield of Failsworth Bricklayer and Martha Hulme of S.

1760, feb. 15, John Owen Butcher and Mary Chadwick S.

1760, Ap. 28, Jas. Cookson of S. Husbⁿ and Mary Holland of Chorlton.

1760, June 14, Jas. Bradshaw of S. yeoman and Elizabeth Bardsley of Cross St., L.

1760, July 8, Isaac Bentley Tailor and Ann Taylor S., L.

1760, Sep. 14, Jas. Lindsey of M. and Martha Davis of S.

1760, Oct. 1, Jas. Hulme of S. yeoman and Ann Wood of Crossbank.

1760, Oct. 7, Isaac Moss of Ashton S M., Woolcomber and Margret Shalcross of S.

1761, Jan. 4, John Beswick of S. Husbⁿ and Betty Barlow of do.

1761, Jan. 12, William White of S. Potcarter and Ann Howard, L.

1761, Jan. 13, Jas. Royle Husbⁿ and Martha Hankinson S., L.

1761, Jan. 19, Ely Gledhill of M. and Mary Moor of S. Widow.

1761, Apr. 8, John Leather of S. Husbⁿ and Martha Sumner of Northenden, L.

1761, June 16, John Bowker of Flixton Cooper and Alice Hobkinson of S.

1761, Sep. 21, Daniel Walker of S. Husbⁿ and Hannah Smith of M.

1761, Oct. 8, Jonathan Shaw of Eccles yeoman and Jane Hampson of S., L.

1761, Nov. 24, William Johnson Husbⁿ and Alice Ogden S.

1761, Dec. 22, Rowland Morris of M. Gent. and Martha Gooden of S., L., Widow.

1761, Dec. 24, William Leicester of Bowden yeoman and Mary Chadwick of S., L.

1762, feb. 8, William Walley Husbⁿ and Ann Hamblett S.

1762, Mar. 30, John Owen Husbⁿ and Hannah Robinson S.

1762, Ap. 20, John Asheton Boardman of S. Tailor and Ann Fallows of M.

1762, May 3, John Royle of S. Carpenter and Betty Evans of Eccles Widow.

1762, May 11, Thos. Johnson Husbⁿ and Mary Wyat of S.

1762, June 14, John Wrenshaw Husbⁿ and Mary Owen of S.

1762, July 21, William Hudson Husbⁿ and Mary Hankinson of S.

1762, July 26, William Moss Gentleman and Mary Knight of S. Widow.

1762, Aug. 12, John Hampson Weaver and Mary Berry S.

1762, Sep. 9, John Cartlick Husbⁿ and Mary Renshaw S. Widow.

1762, Sep. 12, John Ogden Husbⁿ and Ellen Boardman S.

1762, Oct. 10, Joseph Kelsall Husbⁿ and Ellen Dain S.

1763, June 20, John Falkner and Mary Clayton S.

1763, July 15, John Patten of Hulme Husbⁿ and Ellen Taylor of S.

1763, July 26, Jas. Ogden of Eccles Linen Weaver and Mary Gibbon of S.

1763, Sep. 19, Jas. Boardman Husbⁿ and Ann Hodkinson S.

1764, Jan. 2, Samuel Hampson Husbⁿ and Betty Massey S.

1764, Mar. 14, Jas. Chadwick Husbⁿ and Mary Blease S., L.

1764, May 13, John Morris of S. Husbⁿ and Elizabeth Leather of M.

1764, June 19, John Asheton Boardman Tailor and Barbary Derby S. Widow.

1764, July 22, John Rigby of S. Carpenter, and Mary Crowder M., L.

1764, July 29, Matthew Dickason yeoman and Mary Green S.

1764, Oct. 16, Thos. Meddowcroft of S. Husbⁿ and Phebe Obkinson of M.

1764, Dec. 11, William Johnson Husbⁿ and Ann Anderton S.

1764, Dec. 15, John Winterbotham Husbⁿ and Hannah Hampson S.

1764, Dec. 18, John Pearson, Husbⁿ and Hannah Renshaw S.

1765, Jan. 1, Jas. Barlow of S. Husbⁿ and Mary Standerin of M.

1765, Jan. 12, Thos. Fazackerly of S. yeoman and Ann Warren of M., L.

1765, Jan. 13, Jas. Barratt of Kersall yeoman and Mary Hampson of S.

1765, Jan. 22, Simon Banks Husbⁿ and Esther Bradford S.

1765, feb. 2, William Booth Thatcher and Betty Twist S.

1765, feb. 3, Sam^l Eccles Weaver and Mary Harrop S.

1765, feb. 14, Joshua Royle of S. farmer and Betty Goolden of Mosside, L.

1765, April 9, Richard Gibbon Husbⁿ and Mary Pickstone S.

1765, May 5, William Cookson Husbⁿ and Alice Peck S.

1765, June 19, Ronald Graham of M. Chapman and Ellen Carter of S.

- 1765, Oct. 8, Thos. Pearson Husbdⁿ and Betty Mellor S.
1765, Oct. 15, William Hampson Cordwainer and Ann Shaw,
S., L.
1765, Oct. 29, William Fallows Husbdⁿ and Mary Crowder S.
Widow.
1765, Oct. 29, David Holcroft of S. Husbⁿ and Sarah Blomer-
ley of Didsbury.
1766, Jan. 2, Thos. Harrop Husbⁿ and Mary Jones S.
1766, Jan. 27, Isaac Shaw Husbⁿ and Mary White S.
1766, feb. 4, Joseph Hulme of S. Husbⁿ and Martha Thorpe
of Foxdenton.
1766, feb. 30 (*sic*), Thos. Royle Carpenter and Mary Halls-
worth S.
1766, Ap. 14, Robert Gibbern Husbⁿ and Alice Johnson S.
1766, June 10, Rob^t Ogden Linnen Weaver and Mary Carter S.
1766, July 29, Henry Renshaw — and Jane Royle S.
1766, Oct. 15, Thos. Town of Hulme Husbⁿ and Elizth Hufton
of S.
1766, Dec. 11, John Wrenshaw Husbⁿ and Jane Wrenshaw S.
1767, Jan. 28, Rich^d Nightingale Husbⁿ and Mary Shaw S.
1767, July 14, John Berry Collier and Esther Barlow S.
1767, July 25, William Walker Mason and Ann Chapman S.
1767, Oct. 31, John Starkie of S. Husbⁿ and Phebe Walmsley
of Chorlton.
1767, Nov. 1, Thos. Robinson Husbⁿ and Mary Fallow S.
1767, Dec. 28, Wm. Renshaw Slaughterer and Alice Rogers S.
1768, Apr. 5, Thos. Banks Husbⁿ and Sarah Penny S.
1768, May 17, Benjamin Bardsley Woolcomber and Phebe
Holbrook S., L.
1768, July 11, Jas. Knight Weaver and Elizabeth Clough S.
1768, July 10, Edward Mason of S. Husbⁿ and Ruth Marsland
of M., L.
1768, Aug. 14, Thos. Shaw of Chorlton farmer and Elizth . . .
of S., L.
1768, Oct. 11, Thos. Richardson Husbⁿ and Mary Hampson S.

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1768, Oct. 13, John Moss Husbⁿ and Mary Lee S.

1768, Dec. 20, Geo. Leicester of S. yeoman and Ann Worsley of Withington, L.

1768, Dec. 27, John Hodgkinson of S. Cooper and Mary Massey of Ashton S. M.

1769, Jan. 5, Wm. Taylor Saddler and Betty Tipping S., L.

1769, Jan. 8, Geo. Whiteleg of Salford yeoman and Elizth Hamnet of Stretford, L.

1769, feb. 5, Thos. Higham Husbⁿ and Lucy Wrenshaw S.

1769, feb. 5, Thos. Hough Cordwainer and Mary Hodgkinson S.

1769, Ap. 11, Thos. Royle Husbⁿ and Ann Shuttleworth S.

1769, Ap. 24, John Mayer of M. Slaughterer and Ann Gibburn of S.

1769, June 27, Nathaniel Bayley of Northenden Husbⁿ and Lucy Howarth of S.

1769, Sep. 26, Jonathan Fallows Weaver and Ann Owen S.

1769, Sep. 28, Andrew Patten of Man^r Brushmaker and Alice Partington of S.

1769, Nov. 7, Wm. Higginson of S. Carpenter and Mary Royle S.

1769, Nov. 7, Thos. Jones of S. Husbⁿ and Martha Heywood of Ashton S. Mersey.

1769, Nov. 7, Wm. Hencock Tailor and Margaret Ratcliffe of S. Widow.

1770, Jan. 2, Benjⁿ Barrow of Urmston Husbⁿ and Marg^t Pickstone S.

1770, Jan. 4, Jonⁿ Watson farmer and Esther Hampson S.

1770, feb. 27, Thos. Wood of M. Clothdresser and Hannah Hankinson S.

1770, feb. 27, Edw^d Greasty of Chorlton Husbⁿ and Mary Assley S.

1770, June 4, Thos. Mellor of Moston Whitster and Hannah Johnson S.

1770, Oct. 1, Thos. Cadman of S. Husbⁿ and Mary Podmore of Cheadle.

- 1770, Dec. 11, Wm. Ferney Husbⁿ and Elizth Atkinson S.
1771, Jan. 31, Jos^h Boardman Husbⁿ and Martha Cheshire S.
1771, feb. 11, Jas. Hampson Labourer and Hannah Hardman S.
1771, Mar. 25, Joseph Williamson of Limm farmer and Hannah Hardman of Stretford Widow, L.
1771, Ap. 19, Henry Stephen of Chorlton Husbⁿ and Mary Tipping S.
1771, May 26, Thos. Holbutt Husbⁿ and Ann Eansworth S.
1771, June 16, Thos. Tyrer of S. Surgeon and Apothecary and Ann Shalcross of Ashton Cheshire.
1771, July 14, James Jones Husbⁿ and Sarah Wood S.
1771, Aug. 5, Wm. Syddall Husbⁿ and Ann Stone S.
1771, Sep. 1, John Wrenshaw Husbⁿ and Mary Harrop S.
1771, Nov. 5, Edmund Bradshaw Husbⁿ and Jane Partington S.
1771, Nov. 25, Geo. Barlow of S. Husbⁿ and Mary Hardy of Hulme.
1771, Nov. 25, Rich^d Oldfield Blacksmith and Alice Fletcher S.
1772, Jan. 19, John Bradburn Husbⁿ and Ann Banks of S. Widow.
1772, Jan. 21, Thos. Wrenshaw farmer and Ellen Pickstone S.
1772, feb. 24, Parker Raingill of S. Slaughterer and Ann Brownhill of Eccles, L.
1772, Ap. 20, John Houlbrook Weaver and Mary Ogden of Stretford widow.
1772, Ap. 21, Thos. Baguley of S. Husbⁿ and Elizth Birch of Withington.
1772, May 10, John Turner of Eccles Cordwainer and Absoly Pickstone of S.
1772, June 12, Jonathan Wrenshaw Carpenter and Sarah Taylor of S. [Brother to Sam^l Wrenshaw of Birch, clerk.]
1772, July 18, Rich^d Hankinson of S. farmer and Alice Whitelegg of Chorlton, L.
1772, Aug. 30, John Hill Husbⁿ and Sarah Fallows S.
1772, Aug. 31, Joseph Holme Papermaker and Mary Hancock S.

- 1772, Sep. 13, John Robinson Husbⁿ and Sarah Cheshire S.
 1772, Oct. 6, Francis Johnson of S. Husbⁿ and Marg^t Green of Heaton Norris.
 1772, Oct. 7, Thos. Burgess Husbⁿ and Mary Smith S., L.
 1772, Oct. 30, Jonⁿ Norbury of S. Shopkeeper and Elizabeth Hatton of M.
 1772, Oct. 31, John Davenport of Withington farmer and Ellen Leicester S., L.
 1772, Nov. 10, John Ashton farmer and Mary Cadman Widow S., L.
 1773, Jan. 24, Thos. Bridge Tailor and Betty Burgess S.
 1773, Feb. 4, Thos. Coppock of S. Labourer and Martha Darbyshire of Ardwick.
 1773, Feb. 22, Chas. Tattersall Labourer and Ellen Hesketh S.
 1773, June 14, Thos. Chadwick Husbⁿ and Mary Owen S.
 1773, Aug. 24, John Moss Ashton S. M., Mason and Mary Pickstone S.
 1773, Sep. 7, Peter Edge of Cross Bank Par. of Eccles Linnen Weaver and Hannah Renshaw of S.
 1773, Sep. 14, Wm. Dickson Weaver and Alice Later S.
 1773, Nov. 22, Joseph Turner of S. Husbⁿ and Martha Dale of Chorlton.
 1773, Dec. 5, Thos. Percival Breechesmaker and Hannah Hullham S.
 1774, Jan. 24, Jonⁿ Heywood Husbⁿ and Hannah Darbishire S.
 1774, Jan. 24, John Fitten Lab^r and Elizth Hampson S.
 1774, Ap. 5, Edw^d Hampson of S. Husbⁿ and Mary Hopwood of Eccles.
 1774, Ap. 9, Jas. Duesbury Husbⁿ and Elizth Pickston S.
 1774, May 1, John Rowbotham Tailor and Mary Johnson S.
 1774, May 24, Thos. Barlow of S. Husbⁿ and Sarah Chorlton of Oppenshaw.
 1774, Aug. 7, Thos. Wrenshaw Husbⁿ and Ann Hesketh S.
 1774, Aug. 30, Thos. Crompton Papermaker and Ellen Renshaw S.

1774, Sep. 8, Emanuel Baker Slaughterer and Rebecca Rain-gill S., L.

1774, Oct. 15, Jas. Crowther Farmer and Ellen Chadwick of S.

1774, Oct. 25, Henry Baxter of Northenden farmer and Sarah Massey of S., L.

1774, Nov. 8, Thos. Dean of S. Husb. and Catherine Axon of Rushulme.

1774, Nov. 8, Rob^t Bowker of S. farmer and Tabathy Dooley of M.

1774, Dec. 6, Wm. Pickstone Slaughterer and Mary Barber of S.

1775, Mar. 24, John Leicester of S. yeoman and Susanna Lawton M., L.

1775, Ap. 16, Jas. Massey Husbⁿ and Elizth Turner S.

1775, Ap. 16, Jos^h Marsh Papermaker and Ann Dawson S.

1775, May 1, Sam^l Norbury Tailor and Sarah Bennet Stretford.

1775, July 13, Sam^l Hail Husbⁿ and Alice Royle Stretford.

1775, July 22, Wm. Suttle Husbⁿ and Elizth Hail Stretford.

1775, Aug. 23, Jas. Evens Seaman and Ann Wetton Stretford.

1775, Sep. 12, Sam^l Hampson Lab^r and Ellen Royle Stretford.

1775, Oct. 14, Wm. Walmersley of Castleton Par. of Rochdale Husbⁿ and Hannah Hencock Stretford, L[icenses].

1775, Oct. 17, Jas. Moors Husbⁿ and Ann Boardman S.

1775, Oct. 23, Law^{ree} Cash of Droylsden Husbⁿ and Mary Ankinson S.

1775, Oct. 26, Wm. Greatrex of Hulme Farmer and Elizth Lowe of S., L.

1775, Nov. 17, Henry Greatrix Husbⁿ and Sarah Robinson S. Widow.

1775, Nov. 21, John Gibbins of S. Husbⁿ and Elizth Edge of Manch^r.

1775, Nov. 30, Joshua Bannester of S. Wheelwright and Hannah Holbrook of M.

1775, Dec. 5, John Painter of S. Slaughterer and Mary Sumner of Northenden, L.

1776, feb. 15, John Hodgkinson Cooper and Alice Owen of S.

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1776, feb. 17, John Gregory of Urmston farmer and Ann Chadwick S., L.

1776, May 28, Wm. Taylor Husbⁿ and Elizth Johnson S.

1776, June 6, Sam^l Gibbons Weaver and Ann Wrenshall S. Widow.

1776, Aug. 26, Peter Rogerson of Eccles Linnen Weaver and Catherine Banks S.

1776, Sep. 23, John Gardner Cordwainer and Mary Brundrett S.

1776, Oct. 8, Edw^d Thorniley of Didsbury Husbⁿ and Betty Partington Stretford.

1776, Oct. 9, Thos. Cooper Husbⁿ and Alice Yates Stretford.

1776, Oct. 9, Wm. Hyde Papermaker and Martha Park Stretford.

1776, Oct. 28, Wm. Brownhill Husbⁿ and Ann Partington Stretford.

1777, feb. 6, Sam^l Boardman Husbⁿ and Alice Tipping Stretford, [he was afterwards a thatcher, and lived at Darbyshire lane end, had two sons James and William. James fell into a boiling vat of starch, from the effects of which he died. A daughter Rachel married Thos. Lowe, a sad drunkard. She drowned herself at Throstle Nest.—John Owen.]

1777, June 13, Geo. Pixton of Manch. Bookkeeper and Mary Moss S.

1777, Nov. 11, Chas. Oldfield Blacksmith and Alice Wetton S.

1775, Nov. 25, Jas. Knight Husbⁿ and Elizth Oldfield S.

1777, Dec. 30, Jas. Wrenshaw of S. Slaughterer and Ellen Williamson of Chorlton.

1778, Jan. 27, John Hampson Cordwainer and Elizth Pickstone S., L.

1778, feb. 26, Sam^l Barton of S. Dyer and Mary Amson of M., L.

1778, Mar. 13, Sam^l Taylor of Chorlton Husbⁿ and Ellen Hulme S., L.

1778, June 23, Wm. Johnson Basketmaker and Betty Downes S.

1778, July 12, John Alston Flaxdresser and Alice Crompton S.

1778, Aug. 1, Wm. Hale Husbⁿ and Mary Johnson S.

1778, Oct. 19, Henry Wrenshaw Husbⁿ and Elizth Knowles Stretford.

1778, Oct. 20, Thos. Bridge Tailor and Elizth Hesketh S., L.

1778, Dec. 1, Wm. Owen Husbⁿ and Ellen Robinson S.

1778, Dec. 1, Geo. Worthington Husbⁿ and Mary Howard S.

1779, June 27, John Fallows of S. Husbⁿ and Mary Booth of Manch.

1779, Aug. 9, John Moxley Papermaker of Stretford and Esther Gardner of M., Widow.

1779, Sep. 16, Geo. Worthington of S. Farmer and Hannah Worrall of M., L.

1779, Oct. 5, Thos. Renshaw of Ashton S. M. farmer and Margret Walton S.

1779, Oct. 11, Jas. Wrenshaw Husbⁿ and Mary Johnson S.

1779, Oct. 11, Mark Scholfield of Ashton U. L. Whitster and Ann Beesley S.

1779, Oct. 28, Sam^l Gibbons Silkweaver and Phebe Hall S.

1779, Nov. 13, Isaiah Timperley Joiner and Hannah Knight S., L.

1779, Dec. 6, Edm^d Hesketh Farmer and Mary Morris S.

1779, Dec. 20, Wm. Robinson Husbⁿ and Marg^t Artingstall S.

1780, feb. 3, Jonⁿ Knight yeoman and Jane Syddall S.

1780, July 31, Jas. Berry of Withington Husbⁿ and Mary Axson S.

1780, Oct. 18, John Hodgkinson Cooper and Ellen Jones S. Widow.

1780, Oct. 26, Wm. Stevenson of S. Coachman and Martha Furness of M., L.

1780, Nov. 25, Jas. Robinson Husbⁿ and Sarah Cook S.

1780, Dec. 5, Hamblett Clark of S. Husbⁿ and Mary Hardy of Chorlton.

1780, Dec. 30, Wm. Hulm of Heaton Norris Weaver and An Aldred of Stretford.

1781, Jan. 15, Peter Lamb Farmer and Ann Bowker S.

1781, May 9, Ralph Daniels Weaver and Marg^t Smith S.

1781, May 14, John Pickstone Husbⁿ and Hannah Giben S. Widow.

1781, May 28, Rich^d Knight of S. Weaver and Mary Barlow of M. Widow.

1781, June 27, Jos^h Wood Husbⁿ and Mary Swarbrook S.

1781, July 23, Henry Renshaw Slaughterer and Hannah Ty-rer S.

1781, Sep. 23, John Rowlinson Farmer and Ann Hampson S.

1781, Oct. 14, John Brownhill of S. Blacksmith and Ann Mason of Chorlton.

1781, Oct. 20, Jas. Chadwick of S. farmer and Hannah Chorl-ton of Withington Widow.

1781, Nov. 20, Jos^h Lowe Slaughterer and Elizth Shawcross S., L.

1782, Jan. 3, Michael O'Kelly Papermaker and Elizth Brook-bank S., L.

1782, Jan. 13, Sam^l Chetham Cooper and Phebe Bowker S.

1782, feb. 7, Jas. Bythell of Ashton U. M. Cotton Manuf^r and Elizth Newton S., L.

1782, feb. 11, Edw^d Owen Husbⁿ and Ann Newton S.

1782, feb. 28, Isaac Worthington of Ringway farmer and Isa-bell Chadwick S., L.

1782, Ap. 29, Gyles Crowther Husbⁿ and Marg^t Williamson S.

1782, May 19, John Worthington Farmer and Mary Owen S., L.

1782, May 23, Rich^d Bancroft of Cheadle Timber Merch^t and Mary Massey S., L.

1782, May 28, Henry Mason Husbⁿ and Marg^t Harrop S.

1782, July 25, Chas. Aldcroft of Baguley Farmer and Martha Siddall Stretford.

1782, Sep. 22, John Hale Husbⁿ and Marthe Walley Stretford.

1782, Oct. 7, Thos. Locket Cordwainer and Elianor Atten[sic] S.

1782, Nov. 12, Wm. Strettell Husbⁿ and Mary Downing S.

1782, Dec. 9, Chas. Siddall Husbⁿ and Marg^t Royle S.

1783, Jan. 7, Jas. Ratcliffe Husbⁿ and Ann Barlow S.

1783, Ap. 21, Wm. Taylor Papermaker and [. . .] Han-cock S.

1783, Ap. 27, Wm. Taylor of S. Husbⁿ and Ellenor Grestick of Chorlton.

1783, May 8, Peter Shalkross Husbⁿ and Jane Hamblet S.

1783, June 13, Thos. Howcroft Cotton Weaver and Ellen Gibbons S.

1783, June 23, Wm. Whitehead Sawyer and Elizth Wrench S.

1783, July 1, John Holt Husbⁿ and Alice Hampson S.

1783, Sep. 7, Jas. Davenport Husbⁿ and Martha Siddall S.

1783, Sep. 21, John Hampson Husbⁿ and Mary Goodier S.

1783, Oct. 16, John Robinson Husbⁿ and Ann White S.

1783, Nov. 25, Jas. Owen Husbⁿ and Elizth Johnson S.

1783, Nov. 25, Jos^h Fallows Husbⁿ and Mary Birmingham S.

1783, Nov. 30, Jos^h Bell Cordwainer and Elizth Moss S. Widow.

1783, Dec. 2, Jas. Knight Farmer and Alice Jones S. Widow.

1783, Dec. 25, Jas. Fallows Husbⁿ and Martha Moor S.

1784, Jan. 4, Wm. Owen of Salford Husbandman and Elizth Johnson S.

1784, feb. 24, Jas. Brownhill Blacksmith and Mary Whitelegg S.

1784, June 3, Thos. Braddock Farmer and Alice Chadwick S.

1784, June 17, Nathan Walker Husbⁿ and Elizth Heys S.

1784, July 23, John Whittle of Westthoughton — and Martha Renshaw S., L.

1784, July 25, Matthew Sutcliffe of Gorton — and Hannah Walmsley S.

1784, Sep. 14, Wm. Robinson Lab^r and Mary Ogden S.

1784, Sep. 23, Rich^d Crouder of M. Manservant late of the City of Carlisle and Jane Atkin of S. late of Carlisle, L.

1784, Oct. 23, Jas. Knight of S. farmer and Sarah Hulme of Manch. Wid.

1784, Nov. 8, John Foster Millwright and Mary Davies S.

1784, Nov. 9, John Banister Wheelwright and Sarah Joblin S.

1784, Dec. 5, Edw^d Barrett Carrier and Susan Johnson S., L.

1784, Dec. 13, Tho. Hill of S. Servantman and Mary Robinson of Ashton S. M., L.

1784, Dec. 15, John Thomas of S. Officer of Excise and Frances Bosley of M., L.

- 1785, June 20, Timothy Broof Farmer and Mary Modssley S.
 1785, June 28, Thos. Chetham Farmer and Ann Shaw S., L.
 1785, July 25, Dan^l Hughes Husbⁿ and Hannah Hampson S.
 Widow.
 1785, Aug. 23, Thos. Goodier Slaughterer and Sarah Winter-
 bottom S.
 1785, Aug. 23, John Bentley Tailor and Susanna Goodier S.
 1785, Aug. 27, Jas. Darbyshire Farmer and Alice Wright S., L.
 1785, Sep. 3, Jos^h Hampson Farmer and Ellen Knight S., L.
 1785, Sep. 12, John Syddall of S. Husbⁿ and Sarah Royle of
 Manch.
 1785, Sep. 13, Sam^l Willcock of Flixton Malster and Mary
 Crowther of S.
 1785, Oct. 10, Wm. Howard of S. Husbⁿ and Hannah Dids-
 bury of Chorlton.
 1785, Dec. 22, Geo. Massie Farmer and Mary Ryle of S., L.
 1786, Jan. 2, John Ramsbottom of Bury Gent. and Ann Mas-
 sie S., L.
 1786, Jan. 11, Henry Bent Husbⁿ and Ellenor Unsworth
 Widow S.
 1786, feb. 14, John Cheworth Wheelwright and Bridget Banis-
 ter S.
 1786, Ap. 22, Thos. Lawton Husbⁿ and Martha Clayton S.
 1786, June 12, Wm. Price of M. Cordwainer and Elizth Wren-
 shaw S.
 1786, June 12, Thos. Bancroft of S. Carpenter and Ann Dawson
 of Blakeley.
 1786, June 24, Thos. Raingill Publican and Hannah Crow-
 ther S., L.
 1786, June 26, Thos. Rowlinson Weaver and Elizth Basnett S.
 1786, June 26, Rich^d Pearson yeoman and Mary Simpson S., L.
 1786, June 29, John Dean of Man^r Baker and Rachel Royle
 S., L.
 1786, July 10, John Broadhurst of Eccles Husbⁿ and Elizth
 Fisher S.

1786, Oct. 23, Thos. Williamson Papermaker and Elizth Wrenshaw S.

1786, Oct. 23, Wm. Dean Papermaker of M. and Mary Pratt S.

1786, Dec. 2, Jas. Bradshaw Farmer and Jane Crowther S.

1786, Dec. 17, Jas. Town of S. Husbⁿ and Elizth Royle of Hulme.

1786, Dec. 24, Ambrose Cooper of S. Farmer and Martha Fox of M.

1787, Jan. 1, Josh Parrin Husbⁿ and Ann Basnett S.

1787, Jan. 29, John Dale Husbⁿ and Marg^t Syddall S.

1787, feb. 11, John Gresty of M. Husbⁿ and Hannah Sykes S.

1787, Ap. 10, Sam^l Boardman Husbⁿ and Mary Owen S.

1787, May 1, Thos. Brotherton Husbⁿ and Alice Bowker S.

1787, May 4, John Shawcross Husbⁿ and Tabitha Bannister S.

1787, May 22, John Higson of Sale Farmer and Sarah Brundret S.

1787, Dec. 18, Wm. Renshaw Husbⁿ and Jane Warburton S.

1787, Dec. 19, Jas. Collier jun^r of Ashton S. M. and Biah Jackson S., L.

1787, Dec. 29, Wm. Shawcross Farmer and Mary Bradshaw S., L.

1788, Jan. 10, Geo. Johnson Husbⁿ and Hannah Robinson S.

1788, Jan. 19, Wm. Allen of S. Bookkeeper and Lydia Booth of M., L.

1788, feb. 4, John Goodier of S. Husbⁿ and Hannah Pinnington of Chorlton Widow.

1788, Ap. 6, John Williamson Husbⁿ and Mary Hencock S.

1788, Ap. 28, John Howell Papermaker and Ann Griffith Widow S.

1788, May 5, Henry Smith of M. Brewer, and Hannah Billing S.

1788, May 6, Thos. Owen Husbⁿ and Ellen Wrenshaw S.

1788, May 27, Sam^l Seel of Ashton V. L. Cotton Manuf^r and Dorothy Walker S., L.

1788, May 28, Peter Cadman Papermaker and Mary Bayley of Stretford.

- 1788, July 1, Sam^l Hampson Husbⁿ and Ellen Bradley S.
- 1788, July 7, John Rogers Husbⁿ and Mary Ogden S.
- 1788, Aug. 3, John Anderton of S. Surgⁿ and Apoth. and Jane Cowell of M., L.
- 1788, Aug. 5, Wm. Kerfoot Weaver and Elizth Gilbody S.
- 1788, Sep. 9, Thos. Holt Weaver and Ann Edge S.
- 1788, Sep. 23, Jas. Hampson Husbⁿ and Elizth Pickston S.
- 1788, Oct. 20, Wm. Holme of S. Papermaker and Ann Swindells of M.
- 1788, Nov. 4, Jos^h Emery Weaver and Marg^t Hesketh S.
- 1788, Nov. 9, Thos. Darbyshire Husbⁿ and Ann Henshaw S.
- 1788, Nov. 11, Jas. Bennett Husbⁿ and Phebe Yates S.
- 1788, Nov. 12, John Allcock Slater and Ellen Sharlock S.
- 1788, Dec. 2, Jas. Gibbin Husbⁿ and Alice Johnson S.
- 1788, Dec. 9, Sam^l Wright Husbⁿ and Ann Johnson S.
- 1788, Dec. 25, Peter Owen Weaver and Sarah Cockcroft S.
- 1789, Jan. 18, Francis Darent Papermaker and Ann Barrett S.
- 1789, feb. 21, Rich^d Walker of S. yeoman and Alice Gregson of M. Wid., L.
- 1789, feb. 23, Jas. Hulme Cordwainer and Ann Henlock S.
- 1789, feb. 24, Edw^d Pearson of S. Farmer and Sarah Clarke of Sale, L.
- 1789, June 6, John Stirrup Farmer and Ann Moss Stretford.
- 1789, June 26, Edm^d Walton of M. Gardner and Elizth Hampson S.
- 1789, July 5, John Marsh Weaver and Mary Cannon S. Widow.
- 1789, Aug. 13, Sam^l Horrocks Farmer and Rebecca Wrenshaw S.
- 1789, Nov. 26, Jonⁿ Hulme of S. Surgeon and Betty Sothern of Worsley, L.
- 1789, Nov. 27, John Thomason Husbⁿ and Marg^t Wakefield S.
- 1789, Dec. 15, Thos. Ashcroft of S. Slater and Elizth Goodier Ashton S. M.
- 1789, Dec. 29, Wm. Hinton Farmer and Sarah Hadcroft S.
- 1790, feb. 16, John Hartley Husbⁿ and Sarah Knight S.

1790, feb. 19, Wm. Stockley of M. Lab^r and Alice Johnson S., L.

1790, Mar. 7, Jos^h Boardman of Pinnington Hosler and Elizth Barton S., L.

1790, Mar. 14, Jas. Pearson Husbⁿ and Alice Gibbons S., L.

1790, Mar. 18, John Brundret Gardener and Alice Hodgkinson Widow S., L.

1790, Ap. 10, Thos. Harrop Husbⁿ and Hannah Boardman S.

1790, May 31, John Andrew Papermaker and Mary Hide S.

1790, Aug. 25, Jos^h Barratt of M. Servingman and Hannah Hammond S., L.

1790, Sep. 7, John Royle Whitesmith and Jane Syddall S.

1790, Oct. 20, Tho. Chambers of Salford Innkeeper and Mary Simpson of Trafford, L.

1790, Oct. 26, Jos^h Higham Slaughterer and Mary Hulme S.

1790, Nov. 2, Thos. Filkin Cooper and Ellen Tattersall Wid. S.

1790, Nov. 10, Peter Bent Weaver and Hannah Beswick S.

1791, Jan. 10, Thos. Rogerson Weaver and Ann Kelsall S.

1791, Mar. 5, John Brownhill Farmer and Betty or Elizabeth Thornley S., L.

1791, May 2, John Lowcock Slaughterer and Ann Hankinson S., L.

1791, June 15, John Hindley Carpenter and Ann Bradshaw S.

1791, June 27, Sam^l Beckett Taylor and Esther Coppock S.

1791, July 12, Isaac Needham Farmer and Mary faulkner S.

1791, Sep. 4, Bryan Coppock Husbⁿ and Hannah Wareham S.

1791, Oct. 10, Sam^l Birch Gardener and Martha Pollitt S.

1791, Oct. 10, Wm. Crosby Whitster and Elizth Lowe S.

1791, Oct. 13, John Hencock Husbⁿ and Sarah Eccles S.

1791, Oct. 13, Wm. Gibbins Slaughterer and Ellen Walley S., L.

1791, Nov. 28, Thos. Yates Clothier and Elizth Allen S.

1792, Jan. 8, Theophilus Ratcliffe of S. Husbⁿ and Elizth Lees of M. Widow.

1792, feb. 12, Geo. Woodhall of S. Husbⁿ and Alice Sharlock S. [kept the "Prince of Wales"].

1792, feb. 19, Josh^h Higham of S. Weaver and Lettis Misett of M.

1792, feb. 20, Wm. Robinson Husbⁿ and Alice Hankey S.

1792, Mar. 30, Thos. Coupe Weaver and farmer and Ann Barlow S.

1792, Ap. 7, John Fleming of M. Serg^t in 67 Reg. Foot and Elizth Hewitson S.

1792, Ap. 7, Paul Bentley Farmer and Sarah Darbyshire S.
[Pig Swinniat, a seller of little Pigs.]

1792, Ap. 8, Robt. Hardwick of Hulme Dyer and Hannah Wilkinson of S.

1792, May 10, Dan^l Robinson Husbⁿ and Ann Royle S.

1792, May 25, Peter Gerrard Husbⁿ and Ann Taylor S.

1792, May 28, Jas. Gibbon Gardiner and Ellen Hale S.

1792, May 29, Wm. Edge Husbⁿ and Ellen Holbrooke S.

1792, May 31, Jas. Dawson Husbⁿ and Marg^t Hadshead S.

1792, May 31, Tho. Brownhill farmer of S. and Susanna Scallon of M.

1792, June 15, John Hargreaves yeoman of Hulme and Mary Renshaw S.

1792, June 28, Josh^h Grockett Husbⁿ and Martha Cottrell S.

1792, June 30, Wm. Hencock Weaver and Mary Turner S.

1792, July 15, Peter Lea Farmer and Janes Watson S., L.

1792, Oct. 20, John Holcroft Weaver and Ann Higginson S.

1792, Nov. 20, Rich^d Cookson Weaver and Alice Robinson S.

1792, Nov. 24, Peter Hulme Farmer and Elizth Grimstich S., L.

1793, feb. 5, Jas. Carr of S. Slaughterer and Martha Baker of M.

1793, Ap. 8, Thos. Downes Bookkeeper and Ann Leigh S.

1793, June 17, Wm. Renshaw Husbⁿ and Marg^t Hampson S.

1793, July 21, Wm. Johnson Gardiner and Ann Robinson S.

1793, July 30, John Grimshaw of Stockport farmer and Jane Kelsall S.

1793, Sep. 17, Jas. Davis of Ashton on M. — and Elizth Rain-gill S., L.

1793, Nov. 10, Tho. Hampson Cabinetmaker and Bridget Chesworth S., L.

- 1793, Nov. 20, Geo. Banister Wheelwright and Susanna Simpson S., L.
- 1793, Dec. 11, Rich^d Fallows Husbⁿ and Hannah Coppock S.
- 1793, Dec. 16, Simon Grime Gardener and Ann Heywood S., L.
- 1793, Dec. 28, Jas. Barrow of M. Farmer and Hannah Hill S.
- 1794, feb. 24, Jas. Wright Husbⁿ and Ann Mills S.
- 1794, July 5, John Crowther Husbⁿ of S. and Ellen Moss of Ashton, L.
- 1794, July 17, Wm. Hyde of M. Cordwainer and Sarah Yates S., L.
- 1794, July 25, Jas. Crowder of Chorlton Husbⁿ and Susan Duckworth S.
- 1794, July 28, Sam^l Pinnington Farmer and Ellen Gibbon S.
- 1794, Sep. 11, Robt. Phipps Gardener of Rostern and Mary Hewitt S., L.
- 1794, Sep. 16, Christ^r Simpson of Gropnall Excise Officer and Betty Knight S., L.
- 1794, Oct. 25, Wm. Summer Farmer and Sarah Moor S. Wid., L.
- 1795, Jan. 13, Amos Baniester Wheelwright and Betty Brundret S. [lived at the School Brow, Temperance Place, King St.]
- 1795, Jan. 14, Tho. Owen Husbⁿ of S. and Martha Bradley of M., L.
- 1795, Mar. 30, Jas. Moreton Weaver and Amey Smith S.
- 1795, Ap. 18, Jas. Brownhill of S. Cabinetmaker and Margt Low of M., L. [He went to America, came back, went again, and died there.]
- 1795, May 6, John Hull Gardener and Sarah Wakefield S.
- 1795, May 9, John Peacock Farmer and Sarah Smith S.
- 1795, July 6, John Smith of S. Farmer and Elizth Lunt of Chorlton Wid., L.
- 1795, Oct. 7, Wm. Mellor Weaver and Martha Ashcroft S. [lived in the Pigeon Row.]
- 1795, Nov. 14, John Moors of S. Farmer and Ann Bent of Cross Bank.

1795, Dec. 22, Jas. Daniel of S. Wheelwright and Alice Rain-gill of S., L.

1796, Ap. 4, Sam^l Gibson of Manch. Farmer and Phebe Johnson S.

1796, Sep. 12, Wm. Woodall Farmer and Mary Sharlock S.

1796, Sep. 26, John Higham Weaver and Alice Brown S.

1796, Oct. 11, Wm. Dickenson Farmer and Mary Walton S.

1796, Nov. 7, Jas. Holbrook of M. Weaver and Jane Accom-ley S.

1796, Nov. 13, Wm. Summerfield of Mobberly Wheelw^t and Mary Timperley S., L.

1797, feb. 25, Henry Knight of M. Weaver and Hannah Ren-shaw S., L.

1797, Mar. 12, John Gandy of S. Farmer and Mary Gregory of M., L. [Pig drover.]

1797, Ap. 10, John Boardman Tailor and Hannah Parkin S.

1797, Ap. 25, Sam^l Leech of S. Farmer and Sarah Adshead of Peever, L.

1797, May 2, John Ledger Innkeeper and Mary Chadwick S.

1797, May 23, Geo. Holt Weaver and Elizth Hulme S.

1797, May 29, John Thomas Farmer and Elizth Mellor S.

1797, July 16, Peter Yates of S. Weaver and Susanna Johnson of M.

1797, July 20, Sam^l Lamb of Chorlton Cordwainer and Lucy Aldcroft of S.

1797, Aug. 4, John Edgley Farmer and Ann Massey S.

1797, Sep. 11, Thos. Kelsall Blksmith and Mary Royle.

1797, Sep. 12, Thos. Hulme Carter and Mary Hewitt S.

1797, Oct. 4, John Bradbury Butcher and Ann Ashcroft S.

1797, Nov. 19, John Bathgate of S. Gardener and Jane War-burton Par. of Bowdon, L.

1797, Nov. 26, Chas. Wright of M. Lab^r and Elizth Gleave S.

1797, Dec. 18, Isaac Harrop Husbⁿ and Martha Walker S.

1798, feb. 17, Jos^h Roylance of S. farmer's serv^t and Alice Reed of M.

1798, feb. 19, John Jones Farmer and Hannah Moors S.

1798, feb. 23, Jas. Crompton Livesay of Middleton Paper-maker and Nelly Crompton of Farnworth.

1798, July 30, Geo. Raingill Porter and Mary Whittle.

1798, July 31, Jas. Wood of Withington Farmer and Elizth Simpson S. [Afterwards at Stretford between Moss's and Robinson's. Afterwards at Demain, but failed.]

1798, Aug. 29, Peter Jackson of S. Joiner and Ellen Prescott of M., L.

1799, feb. 2, Jas. Walmesley Farmer and Phebe Hankey S.

1792, feb. 25, John Smith of Urmston Farmer and Alice Coppock S., L.

1799, Ap. 21, Jas. Gibbons Butcher and Jane Davis S., L.

1799, May 12, Thos. Barrow Cotton Weaver and Mary Hickson S.

1799, May 13, Wm. Royle Weaver and Esther Massey S.

1799, May 21, James Moss of Manch. Sadler and Betty Royle of Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

1799, June 29, John Moss Farmer and Ann Knight of S., L.

1799, Aug. 14, Henry Speakman Blksmith and Mary Cross S.

1799, Oct. 21, Sam^l Davis Joiner and Mary Hampson S.

1799, Dec. 18, John Johnson of M. farmer and Mary Gibson S.

1800, feb. 15, Thos. Turner Cooper and Alice Marsden Wid. S.

1800, May 14, Peter Kilsher of Ashton Farmer and Ann Chetham S.

1800, July 1, Geo. Oakes Husbⁿ and Mary Moores S.

1800, Aug. 7, John Mereweather Schoolmaster and Mary Brundret S., L. [Taught in the Old School.]

1800, Oct. 6, Wm. Bluer Farmer of M. and Mary Chadwick S., L.

1800, May 26, Jas. Kelsall Blksmith and Mary Renshaw.

1801, Dec. 16, Benjⁿ Johnson of S. Farmer and Fanny Royle of Chorlton, L. [He farmed the next farm to Crown Point.]

1802, Jan. 26, John Lunt Farmer and Elizth Pover S., L.

1802, Aug. 26, Wm. Bate Par. of Walton farmer and Mary Chadwick S., L.

1802, Sep. 21, John Withington Farmer and Sarah Hartley S. Wid., L.

1802, Sep. 27, Henry Bannister Weaver and Martha Stephenson.

1802, Dec. 6, Adam Chadwick of M. Manuf^r and Mary Buckley S., L.

1802, Dec. 18, Wm. Knight Farmer and Martha Rogers Wid. S., L.

1803, Jan. 4, Josh Scholfield Clockmaker and Mary Fletcher.

1803, Jan. 8, Edw^d Bailey Weaver and Mary Cross Widow S.

1803, feb. 14, Thos. Boskow of Warrington Sailcloth Manuf^r and Martha Wilkinson S., L.

1803, Mar. 14, John Baguley Weaver and Alice Chapman S.

1803, Mar. 21, Tho. Barton S. Farmer and Sarah Woodward of Wilmslow, L.

1804, Jan. 2, Rich^d Wroe S. Farmer and Mary Thorniley of Hulme, L. [Farm at Cornbrook.]

1804, Feb. 14, Wm. Jones Weaver and Ellen Gibbon S. [lived in Darbyshire lane.]

1804, June 18, Geo. Royle of Flixton Farmer and Nancy Sharlot S., L.

1804, June 26, Wm. Bradshaw Farmer and Alice Turner S. Wid. [both of Toad Lane.]

1804, June 29, Thos. Jones of S. Weaver and Mary Ann Morris of M.

1804, July 23, Rich^d Scarbrick of S. Publican and Carolina Parkinson of M.

1804, Aug. 13, John Sharlock of S. Wheelwright and Alice Hill of Salford.

1804, Aug. 20, Jonⁿ Woodhall Lab^r and Elizth Berry S.

1804, Sep. 1, Thos. Kay Yeoman and Ann Ogden S. Wid., L.

1804, Oct. 1, Jas. Robinson of S. Farmer and Sarah Orman of Knutsford.

1804, Oct. 9, Wm. Renshaw Lab^r and Sarah Owen S. [lived in King Street.]

Odd Notes.

1841, June 1, Mr. Steven Raingill of S. to Harriet only daughter of William Stevenson, Esq., of the Brookhouse.

Burials at the Collegiate Church, Manchester,
From Stretford.

Extracted by John Owen, vol. xl. pp. 62-78.

1574, Maie 8, Richard Richardson "of Stretford" [all the entries are so described in the Register unless here otherwise expressed].

1574, Aug. 11, John sonne to John Barlowe.

1575, Mar. 30, Anne daughter to Robert Hampsonne.

1575-6, Jan. 27, John wief to John Harryson.

1575-6, Mar. 14, John Hampsonne.

1576, Sep. 16, John sonne to Rich^d Gee.

1578, Ap. 17, Geo. Gatcliffe.

1579, Mar. 30, John Barlowe, Howsehoulder.

1579, Aug. 9, John Gee, Howsehoulder.

1580-1, Jan. 21, — widowe to Henrie Barlowe.

1582, Aug. 10, Elline wief to Giles Gee.

1582, Sep. 27, John Gatley.

1582, Oct. 24, Edw^d Abrahame.

1582, Dec. 26, Rich^d Bradshawe of the old pke of Trafford.

1582-3, Mar. 23, Rich^d Reynshall.

1583, June 14, John Hill, drowned.

1583, June 30, Margret wief to Rich^d Gee, drowned.

1583, Julie 9, Giles Gee.

1583, Dec. 18, Robert Mosse, Howshoulder.

1583-4, Jan. 10, Henry Hampsonne.

1583-4, Mar. 13, Elizabeth wief of John Hampson.

1584, Mar. 31, Anthonie Romsden keeper of Trafford p'ke.

1584, Sep. 6, Lawrence Bennet of Trafford.

1584, Oct. 2, Anne Wydowe of James Hudson.

1584-5, Jan. 25, Rauffe Lyngart Cooke at Trafford.

1584-5, Mar. 1, Henry Hughes.

1585, June 15, Bartholomew Sandyefield a late Servant at Trafford.

1586, Julye 4, Edward Jackson, Howshoulder.

1586, Oct. 18, Henry Burgreave, Servant at Trafford.

1586-7, Jan. 12, Robert Dyconson, Servant at Trafford.

1587, Ap. 19, Will'm Reynshall Howshoulder.

1587, Maie 4, John Hudson Howshoulder.

1587, Aug. 31, Even wyf Robert Howshoulder.

1587, Oct. 11, Richard Harrison.

1587, Nov. 19, Katherine Hampson a poor woman of Stretford.

1587-8, Jan. 29, Godfray Dombell Howshoulder.

1587-8, ffeb. 17, Edward ffletcher Howshoulder.

1587-8, Mar. 3, Christopher Hughes Howshoulder.

1587-8, Mar. 18, Rauffe Barlowe Howshoulder.

1588, Ap. 4, Will'm Mosse Howshoulder.

1588, June 17, John son of Richard Spencer.

1588, Aug. 20, Richard son of Rychard Harryson.

1588, Sep. 5, John Hache Housholder.

1588, Nov. 8, Thomas Dytchfeild Gardner at Trafford.

1589, Dec. 21, Edmund Houlte Householder.

1590, Aug. 15, Richard Hampson Householder.

1590, Aug. 18, Margery wief to Will'm Barker.

1590, Sep. 2, Rauffe Awyne.

1590-1, Jan. 9, Richard Barlowe Housholder.

1591-2, Mar. 2, Will'm Wood Housholder.

1591-2, Mar. 21, Will'm Johnson.

1592, Maie 8, Oliv^r Barlowe Housholder.

1592, Julie 13, Anne wief of John Gee.

1592, Nov. 30, Thomas Davy a servantman in Stretford.

1592, Dec. 11, Will'm Robinson Housholder.

1593, Dec. 17, Isabell wief of Richard Barker.

1594, June 30, John Chourton Housholder.

1594-5, Jan. 6, Thomas Harrison.

1594-5, Jan. 25, John Holme of Trafford g'.

1594-5, ffeb. 11, Hugh Hampson of Crofeltyate Housholder.

- 1595, Ap. 30, Jane Gascoyne an old woman of Stretford.
1596-7, Mar. 4, Thomas Johnson.
1596-7, Mar. 15, Katherine ffletcher.
1597, Aug. 6, Richard Robinson.
1597-8, Jan. 12, John Hampson Housholder.
1598, Apr. 20, Massy Widowe of Richard Gee.
1598, June 19, Thomas Gilbodie.
1598, June 27, Elline Wief of John Johnson.
1598, Nov. 19, Elline Wief of John Barlowe.
1599, June 30, John Gee Housholder.
1599, Aug. 19, An infant of Thomas Haughton Horskeep. at
Trafford.
1599, Nov. 25, John Johnson Housholder.
1600, Maie 10, y^e Widowe of Richard Richardson.
1600, Maie 28, John Mosse.
1600, Sep. 22, Robert Lacy of Trafford Huntsman.
1600-1, Jan. 1, Thomas Hampson.
1600-1, Jan. 4, John Hodgkinson.
1601, Apr. 22, Richard Spencer.
1601, Maie 13, Rauffe son of John Gee.
1601-2, ffeb. 17, Elline Widdowe of John Gee.
1602, Ap. 8, William Gregory.
1603-4, Jan. 2, Anne Gee.
1604, Nov. 13, Jone dau. of Thomas Harryson.
1604-5, Jan. 1, John Reynshall.
1604-5, ffeb. 7, A child of Richard Harrison.
1605-6, ffeb. 2, John Johnsonne.
1606, Mar. 30, John Gatley.
1606, Julie 3, Thomas sonne of William Hodgkinson.
1606, Aug. 8, John Chowerton.
1606-7, Mar. 17, Tho. bastard son of William Richardson of
Urmston and Ellyn Johnson of Stretford.
1607, June 8, Richard son of Thomas Harryson.
1607, Aug. 1, — Harrison.
1607, Aug. 9, Margret Dau. to Abraham Lorte of Trafford.

- 1607, Nov. 20, Elizabeth y^e Wieff of Olyver Barlow.
 1607, Dec. 12, — Wieff of William Hampson of Crowfeldyate.
 1607-8, ffeb. 14, Isabell Wyeffe of Henry ffalkner.
 1607-8, Mar. 24, Alexander Radcliffe gent.
 1608, Aug. 27, An infant of Anthony Barret.
 1608-9, Jan. 27, An infant of James Chowreton.
 1609, Maye 4, Richard son of Thomas Harryson als Salter.
 1609, Maye 7, Robte Mosse Howsholder.
 1609, June 18, An infant of Charles Gee.
 1609, Oct. 23, Raphe son of John Barlow.
 1609, Nov. 28, John Harrison.
 1609-10, ffeb. 28, John son of Thomas Harrison als Salter late
 of Stretford.
 1609-10, Mar. 4, Nicho's son to Anthony Barrocke.
 1610, Apr. 9, An infante of John Johnson.
 1610, Apr. 20, Katherin Dau. of Richard Harrison.
 1610, Apr. 25, Joane y^e Wyffe of Raphe Johnson.
 1610, May 24, Mary, Dau. of Thomas Reynshall.
 1610, May 25, Raphe Gilbodye Labourer.
 1610, Aug. 23, Elline Dau. of Robt. Hollinprieste.
 1610, Oct. 6, Robte son to Raphe Mosse.
 1610, Dec. 26, Margaret Dau. of Thomas Gilbodie buried.
 1610-11, ffeb. 25, Anne Wydowe of John Royle.
 1610-11, Marche 4, Amerie Dau. of John Barlowe.
 1611, Aug. 26, Isabell Dau. of Will'm Barlowe.
 1611, Nov. 3, Thomas son of John Hey.
 1611, Dec. 9, John Barlowe Housholder.
 1611, Dec. 27, Ellyn y^e wydowe of John Hudson.
 1611-2, Mar. 13, Thomas son of Thomas Renshaw.
 1612, Aug. 17, Alexander son of Alexander Barlowe.
 1612, Sep. 4, Katherine Dau. to Henrie H
 1612, Nov. 5, James Hewes.
 1612, Nov. 27, An infant of Henerye ffawkener.
 1612-3, Jan. 18, Ellin ye Wyffe of Richard Spenser.
 1613, May 12, Anne ye Wyffe of Robte Gilbodye.

- 1613, June 5, Elizabeth wyffe to John Skellorne.
1613, Aug. 15, Elizabeth Dau. of John Renshaw.
1613, Aug. 25, John Harison als Salter.
1613, Sep. 5, An infant of Will'm Hampson of Crowfieldyate.
1613, Sep. 6, Thomas son of Thomas Harrison.
1613, Sep. 28, Richard Johnson.
1613, Oct. 1, John son to John Barker.
1613, Oct. 19, . . . sonne to [Anthony?] Barret.
1613-4, Jan. 1, Richarde sonne to Thomas Gilbodie.
1613-4, ffeb. 19, An infant of Richard Harison.
1613-4, ffeb. 21, Margaret Wyffe of Richard Harison.
1613-4, Mar. 8, Alice Wydowe of John Harrison als Salter.
1614, Apr. 1, John Selhorne of Trafford.
1614, Apr. 23, Robert Mosse, Taylier.
1614, Maye 30, Elizabeth Dau. of William Hampson.
1614, Nov. 8, Elizabeth Widowe of Richard Spenser.
1614, Dec. 14, Elizabeth Wyffe of Xpoffer Hampson.
1614, Dec. 29, William Sonne of William Rainshawe.
1614-5, Jan. 30, William Harrison.
1614-5, Mar. 7, Edward Utley Servant to Sr Edmund Trafford Knight.
1615, Maye 16, Ellin Dau. of Margret Harison als Salter.
1616, Apr. 28, An infant Sonne to Raphe Mosse.
1616, Maye 20, Margret Wyffe to Hughe Brooke.
1616, June 4, John Johnson.
1616, Julye 18, Richard sonne of John Gee.
1616, Nov. 26, Charles Gee thelder buried.
1616, Dec. 5, John sonne of John Mosse Senr.
1616-7, Jan. 5, Raphe sonne of William Barlowe.
1616-7, ffeb. 12, Elizabeth Dau. of Arthur Manwaringe.
1617, Ap. 5, William sonne of John Urmston.
1617, Maye 16, Isabell Daughter of Robarte Mosse.
1617, Maye 16, John sonne of Anthonye Barret.
1617, June 28, Jane Mosse.
1617, Aug. 27, Samuel sonne of James Ottiwells.

- 1617, Nov. 17, Christopher Hampson.
 1618, Julie 1, Anne y^e Wydowe of John Raynshawe.
 1618, Aug. 19, Thomas ffalkner.
 1618-9, Jan. 5, Emme Daughter to Justian Cartwright of
 Trafford.
 1618-9, ffeb. 2, Phillippe sonne of James Ottiwells.
 1618-9, ffeb. 7, An infant of Richard Johnson.
 1618-9, ffeb. 23, Marye Daughter of James Parre.
 1618-9, Mar. 1, Elline Daughter of William Hampson of
 Crofieldyate.
 1619, Maie 23, Hughe Davenport.
 1619, Aug. 7, Ellin Daughter of Edward Johnson.
 1619, Aug. 26, Edward Jenkinson.
 1619, Aug. 31, Hughe Brooke.
 1619, Dec. 2, An Infant of Anthonie Barrett.
 1619, Dec. 14, An Infant of Mr. Cheesman of Stretford Minister.
 1619-20, Jan. 18, Katherine Dau. of John Gee.
 1619-20, ffeb. 12, Jeane Widowe of John Johnson.
 1619-20, Mar. 6, John sonne of James Ottiwells.
 1619-20, Mar. 9, Alexander Barlowe.
 1620, Mar. 29, Thos. Mosse.
 1620, Ap. 8, William sonne of William Barlowe.
 1620, Maye 4, Elizabeth wife of Arthur Gregorie.
 1620, Maye 23, Edward Davenport.
 1620, June 6, Elizabeth Johnsonne.
 1620, June 12, William Hampsonne of Crowffieldyate by
 Trafford.
 1620, Aug. 19, James Deane.
 1620, Sep. 11, George Sonne of William Hampsonne.
 1620, Nov. 30, John Harrison als Salter.
 1621, Apr. 23, Richard Owen Householder.
 1621, Julie 7, Margaret Widowe of Thomas ffalkner.
 1621, Julie 14, Elizabeth Widowe of Robarte Mosse.
 1621, Oct. 15, Jane Dau. of Thomas Browne buried.
 1621, Nov 3, Elizabeth Dau. of John Barker.

- 1621-2, ffeb. 2, Isabell y^e widowe of John Ottiwells.
1621-2, ffeb. 8, Josua sonne of James Radcliffe.
1621-2, ffeb. 26, Robart sonne of Anthonye Barrett.
1622, Maye 4, Mathewe Lytherland Servant to the Right
Wor^{ll} S^r Cecill Trafford Knight.
1622, Maye 20, ffrancis Sonne to John
1622, Julye 22, Richard Sonne of Thomas Gee.
1622, Aug. 22, Edmund Sonne of Thomas Rainshawe killed.
1622, Oct. 9, John Browne of Trafford.
1622, Dec. 2, Thomas Bamfford.
1622-3, ffeb. 27, Elizabeth Dau. of John Hey.
1622-3, Mar. 14, Samuel Sonne of John Gee.
1623, Mar. 29, Alice Dau. of William Rainshall.
1623, Ap. 2, Anthonye Barrett.
1623, Ap. 4, Ellin wife of William Mosse of y^e Higin lane in
Stretford.
1623, Maye 5, Elizabeth wife of George Barker.
1623, Aug. 15, Margerye Dau. of John Barlowe.
1623, Aug. 20, Risbell y^e Wife of Richard Johnson.
1623, Aug. 25, Wyffe of John Barton.
1623, Sep. 5, Marye Dau. of James Deane.
1623, Sep. 8, Thomas Harrison.
1623, Oct. 21, Gabriel Sonne of William Mosse.
1623, Oct. 24, Margaret Gee, Spinster.
1623, Oct. 26, Dyna Wyffe of John Barlowe.
1623, Dec. 10, Robart Mosse.
1623, Dec. 17, A poor child of Stretford.
1623, Mar. 11, Margaret Wyffe of John Richardson.
1624, Maye 31, Elizabeth Wyffe of John Dicconson of Trafford.
1624, Julie 3, John Dickonson of Trafford.
1624, Sep. 26, The Widdowe of John Mosse.
1624, Dec. 6, Raphe Gee.
1624-5, Jan. 18, Thomas Gregorie.
1624-5, Mar. 16, Thomas sonne of Ellin Spencer.
1625, Julie 18, John sonne of John Chourton, drowned.

- 1625, Aug. 28, Robarte sonne of John Gee.
- 1625, Sep. 10, Samuel sonne of Raphe Gee.
- 1625, Sep. 22, Joseph sonne of Henrye ffawkener.
- 1625, Dec. 16, Edward sonne of Gawther Gaskin [Gawlder Gaskell] buried.
- 1626, Mar. 29, An Infant of James Ottiwell.
- 1626, June 4, Isabell Dau. of Charles Gee, yeoman.
- 1626, July 7, Robarte Crowther Shoomaker.
- 1626, July 21, The wife of Thomas Salter.
- 1626, Oct. 30, Mr. Tylecote of Stretford preacher.
- 1627, Apr. 19, Richard sonne of John Gee.
- 1627, June 15, Thomas Holland.
- 1627, June 27, Ales Dau. of William Mosse.
- 1627, Julie 2, An Infant of John Rainshawe.
- 1627, Julie 6, Elizabeth Dau. of Ottiwell Worsley.
- 1627, Aug. 1, Ellin wyffe of George Warde.
- 1627, Oct. 31, John Barker.
- 1628, Ap. 29, Arthur Gregorie.
- 1628, Nov. 9, Alice Gregorye.
- 1628, Dec. 8, An Infant of Abraham Tailier.
- 1629, Ap. 29, Jane Dau. of John Crowder.
- 1629, Aug. 23, Katherin Wyffe of John Harrison.
- 1629, Oct. 30, Isabell Wydowe of Hughe Davenporte of Stretford Gent.
- 1630, June 1, An infant of Abraham Telior.
- 1630, June 14, An infant of James Ottiwell.
- 1630, Sep. 4, Isabell Wyffe of Arthur Manwaring.
- 1630, Oct. 19, Thomas Sonne of Gualter Gaskell of Hulme.
- 1630, Oct. 27, Thomas Sonne of John Johnsonne.
- 1630-1, Jan. 28, Samuell Sonne of Thomas Newton.
- 1631, Ap. 3, John Gee.
- 1631, Ap. 10, Elizabeth Dau. of Edward Hampson.
- 1631, Ap. 17, Wyffe of Richard Gee.
- 1631, June 7, John sonne of Henrye Knighte.
- 1631, Aug. 8, Elizabeth Widowe of John Chourton.

1631, Sep. 17, Randle Newall Servant to the honnorable Sr Humfrey Davenport Lorde Chief Barron of his Majesty's Exchequer deceased at Trafford.

1631-2, Jan. 15, Hughe Chourton Seruant to Sr Cecill Trafford Knighte.

1631-2, Mar. 11, Elizabeth Dau. of Cisley Spenser and Edmund Shallcross of S.

1632, Aug. 24, John sonne of James Ottiwells.

1632, Sep. 21, Elizabeth Dau. of George Barker.

1632, Oct. 30, Ellin Wyffe of Robarte Syddell.

1632, Dec. 21, An Infant of Margt Hampson and John Younge both of S.

1632, Dec. 29, Charles Gee yeoman.

1632-3, Jan. 22, Mary Wyffe of Anthonye Bird.

1632-3, Jan. 28, Anne Dau. of John Gee.

1632-3, Mar. 4, An infant of Richard Richardson.

1633, Ap. 5, John Barlowe.

1633, Maye 6, Thomas Gee, Yeoman.

1633, Maye 30, Priscilla Dau. of William Barker.

1633, Aug. 5, Ellin Wyffe of Hughe Manwaringe.

1633, Sep. 18, Elizabeth Barker.

1633, Sep. 30, Richard Dickinson Servant to Sr Cecill Trafford Knighte.

1633, Oct. 24, Elizabeth Wyffe of John Barlowe.

1633-4, Jan. 26, Elizabeth Dau. of Hugh Manwaring.

1633-4, ffeb. 10, Marye Dau. of Thomas Crowther.

1633-4, ffeb. 14, Henrye Hewes, Yeoman.

1633-4, ffeb. 18, Bridget Dau. of John Crowther.

1634, June 18, Katherin Dau. of Thomas Syddell.

1634, June 22, . . . to Thomas Syddell.

1634, Oct. 3, John Barlowe.

1634, Nov. 10, Robarte Sonne of John Crowder.

1634, Nov. 19, John Sonne of Thomas Barlowe.

1634-5, ffeb. 18, John Sonne of John Bente.

1635, Nov. 1, Anne Dau. of Thomas Gilbodye.

- 1635, Nov. 18, Samuëll Sonne of Samuëll Telior.
- 1635, Nov. 28, Martha Dau. of Thomas Gilbodye.
- 1635, Dec. 7, Elizabeth Dau. of James Otiwell.
- 1635, Dec. 8, Edward sonne of Richard Gilbodye.
- 1635, Dec. 31, Robarte Sonne of Ottiwell Worsley.
- 1635-6, Jan. 2, Thomas Sonne of Robarte Worsley.
- 1635-6, Jan. 25, Marye Dau. of James Radcliffe.
- 1635-6, Jan. 29, Samuel Sonne of John Gee.
- 1635-6, ffeb. 21, An Infant of Joseph Telior.
- 1635-6, Mar. 18, Alice Wyffe of William Barlowe.
- 1636, June 22, to James Radcliffe.
- 1636, June 24, James Radcliffe ye younger.
- 1636-7, ffeb. 3, John Carrington.
- 1637, Aug. 8, Richard Gilbodye.
- 1637, Oct. 7, Robart sonne of William Brundret of Stretford.
- 1637, Oct. 24, William sonne of William Brundrith of Trafford.
- 1637, Nov. 4, Elizabeth Wyffe of John Mosse.
- 1637, Nov. 12, Robart sonne of William Brundreth of Trafford.
- 1637, Dec. 18, Alice Dau. of William Chourton.
- 1637-8, ffeb. 6, John Mosse.
- 1637-8, Mar. 19, Anthonye Birde.
- 1638, Ap. 12, An infant of Robarte Richardson.
- 1638, June 1, Ellin Dau. of Otiwell Worsley.
- 1638, June 12, Alice Wyffe of John Gee.
- 1638, Sep. 1, Hughe Manwaring.
- 1638, Dec. 6, Margret Widowe of Thomas Mosse.
- 1638, Dec. 24, An infant of William Brundredds of Trafford.
- 1639, Maye 13, Ellin Widowe of John Raynshawe.
- 1639, June 30, Anne wyfe of Thomas Crowther.
- 1639, Julye 9, Sarah Dau. of Mr. Humfrey Tilecote deceased
at Stretford.
- 1639-40, ffeb. 12, Margerie Widowe of Arnald Baxter.
- 1640, Aprill 3, An infant of Thomas Walker.
- 1640, Aprill 28, John Mosse of Stretford who was sleane.
- 1640, Aug. 9, George Barker.

- 1640-1, Jan. 15, Nathaniell sonne of Katherine Taylier.
1640-1, Mar. 10, James sonne of Richard Hewes.
1641, Aug. 8, Elizabeth Dau. of William Barker.
1642, June 4, Raphe Johnson.
1642, June 8, Anne wyfe of William Raynshaw.
1643, Apr. 10, Ellin wyfe of Raphe Mosse.
1643, Apr. 11, John sonne of James Parre.
1643, Mar. 13, Ellin wyfe of Richard Hewes.
1644, Maye 18, An infant of Thomas Salter.
1644, Aug. 17, An infant of James Rigbie.
1644, Nov. 11, Ester wyfe of Hennerye Knighte.
1644, Nov. 20, William Barlowe.
1644-5, Jan. 26, An infant of Robart Edge.
1645, Apr. 1, An infant of Richard Hughes.
1645, Apr. 5, Ellin Wyfe of Richard Hughes.
1646, Apr. 15, Katherine Wyfe of James Parr.
1646, Aug. 2, An infant of John Mosse.
1646, Aug. 12, Ann Dau. of John Gee.
1646-7, Jan. 5, William Chorlton.
1647, Oct. 15, Ales Dau. of William Shalcross.
1647, Oct. 16, Alexander Sonne of James Knight.
1647, Nov. 28, Margaret Wiffe of Thomas Renshaw.
1647, Dec. 8, Ales Dau. of William Chorlton.
1647, Dec. 19, Ottiwell Worsley.
1647-8, Jan. 21, Ellen Dau. of Roger Gilbodie.
1647-8, ffeb. 14, Isabell Dau. of John Gee of Higgin Lane in
Stretford.
1647-8, ffeb. 23, A child of John Sewell.
1648, Ap. 30, Christian Dau. of John Suell.
1648, June 6, Isabell Wiffe of Anthonie Barrett.
1648, June 11, Margret Wiffe of John Seddon.
1648, June 14, Margaret Wiffe of Charles Gee.
1648, Oct. 23, William Brundreth of Stretford.
1648, Nov. 30, Margaret Pollett, Spinster.
1648, Dec. 16, Margaret Carrington.

- 1648-9, Jan. 14, Ellen Wiffe of William Brundreth of Stretford.
 1648-9, ffeb. 7, Ellin Wiffe of William Chorlton [this is repeated
 on the 23].
 1648-9, ffeb. 9, John sonne of James Ottiwell.
 1648-9, ffeb. 21, Ann. Dau. of Thomas Siddall.
 1648-9, Mar. 17, Isabell Wiffe of Alexander Barlowe.
 1648-9, Mar. 24, Samuel sonne of John Tayler.
 1649, Ap. 3, Elizabeth Wiffe of James Johnson als. Ottiwell.
 1649, Ap. 9, Anna Wiffe of James Johnson.
 1649, Ap. 14, Hanna Dau. of William Brundret.
 1649, Maie 10, Elizabeth Renshall.
 1649, Aug. 17, John Johnson.
 1649, Aug. 18, Henry Shalcross.
 1649, Aug. 22, Marie Wiffe of Thomas Gee.
 1649, Sep. 3, Margret Wiffe of John Tayler.
 1649-50, ffeb. 16, Edward sonne of William Renshawe.
 1649-50, feb. 20, Richard Harrison.
 1650, Maye 7, Elizabeth Dau. of John Mosse.
 1651, Ap. 10, Richard Mosse deceased at Trafford.
 1651, June 25, Ellen wiffe of Raphe Gee.
 1651, Aug. 15, Mary wiffe of Richard Harrison.
 1651, Sep. 5, Thomas Harrison.
 1651, Sep. 20, Ann Dau. of Richard Harrison.
 1651, Oct. 8, Emye Wiffe of William Shalcrosse.
 1651, Nov. 22, Henry Knight.
 1652, Apr. 27, Thomas Sonne of Roger Gilbodie.
 1652, May 10, Elizabeth Wiffe of William Mosse.
 1652, July 26, Edward sonne of James Knight.
 1652, Aug. 2, Briget Wiffe of John Crowther.
 1652, Aug. 19, James sonne of William Mosse.
 1652, Sep. 28, Ellen wiffe of William Renshaw.
 1652, Oct. 4, Elizabeth wiffe of John Johnson.
 1652, Oct. 20, Ann wiffe of Abraham Tayler.
 1652-3, ffeb. 14, Ales wiffe of Gotther Gaskell.
 1653, Ap. 9, Joan Dau. of John Anderton.

- 1653, Julie 19, Katherin Dau. of Richard Gilbodie.
1653, Aug. 30, William Mosse.
1653, Sep. 17, Thomas Crowther.
1653, Oct. 20, Ellis sonne of William Heyes.
1654, Ap. 11, William Mosse.
1654-5, Jan. 22, Joan Dau. of Richard Gee.
1654-5, ffeb. 6, William Barker.
1655, May 28, John sonne to y^e Right Wor^{ll} William Massey
of Pottington Esq. deceased at y^e house of y^e Right Wor^{ll} Sr
Cecill Trafford of Trafford Knight.
1655, June 11, Milldred Wiffe of William Massey of Potting-
ton Esq. deceased at Trafford.
1655, June 29, John Barlowe.
1655-6, ffeb. 13, Elizabeth wiffe of Thomas Salcrosse.
1656, Aug. 15, Thomas Shalcrosse.
1657, Ap. 2, Gabriell sonne of John Mosse.
1657, Ap. 8, Katherin Hamson Widowe.
1657, Oct. 16, Mary dau. of James Ottiwell.
1657-8, Jan. 13, John Chourlton.
1657-8, Jan. 26, James Harrison.
1658, Aug. 30, Ann d. of John Crowther.
1658, Sep. 2, Elizabeth d. of James Worsley.
1658, Dec. 3, Joan d. of Lawrence Crowther.
1660, Oct. 25, Anne wiffe of Roger Gilbodie.
1661, Ap. 6, Elizabeth Turner.
1661, Aug. 1, Saml. s. of Richard Gee.
1662, May 22, Humphrey Gee.
1662, Aug. 13, Henry Hurdus deceased at Trafford.
1662, Aug. 26, Edward Hamson.
1662, Dec. 8, Saml. s. of Jeremie Chourlton.
1662-3, Jan. 15, Raphe Mosse, yeoman.
1662-3, ffeb. 13, James Chourlton.
1662-3, ffeb. 27, William Chourlton.
1663, Mar. 28, James s. of James Ottiwell.
1663, Mar. 31, James s. of William Shalcrosse.

- 1663, Ap. 1, Thomas Crancke deceased at Trafford.
- 1663, Ap. 13, Mary d. of Edward Hamson.
- 1663, July 27, Lydia d. of William Shalcrosse.
- 1664, Mar. 29, Margaret d. of John Shalcrosse.
- 1664, Nov. 4, Isabell Manwaring.
- 1664-5, Jan. 6, A poor Woman Traveller deceased in Stretford.
- 1664-5, ffeb. 15, Joan dau. of Edmund Barlowe.
- 1664-5, Mar. 24, Joan dau. of Richard Gee.
- 1665, June 3, Thomas s. of John Shalcross.
- 1665, June 30, John Gee, yeoman.
- 1665, Aug. 3, Joseph s. of James Johnson als. Otiwell.
- 1665, Aug. 13, Ann Dragot Gent. deceased at S^r Cecill Trafford of Trafford Knight.
- 1665, Sep. 10, Samuel s. of Samuel Johnson.
- 1665, Oct. 14, Richard s. of Lawrence Crawther.
- 1665, Dec. 9, Nicholas s. of Nicholas Hall.
- 1665-6, ffeb. 25, William s. of Edward Hamson.
- 1666, May 16, Edward s. of Edward Richardson.
- 1666, May 16, Mary d. of John Alkey.
- 1666, May 26, Gyles son of Gyles Crawther.
- 1666-7, ffeb. 11, Ellen Mosse Widowe.
- 1666-7, ffeb. 22, Isabell Gee Widowe.
- 1667, Ap. 14, Ellen Harrison Widowe.
- 1667, Oct. 1, Griffith Harries.
- 1667, Nov. 16, Roger Mollineux deceased at Trafford.
- 1667-8, Jan. 13, Thomas Roachdale deceased at Trafford.
- 1668, May 18, Ann Worsley.
- 1668, June 19, Mary wife of Edward Hamson.
- 1668, Aug. 21, Raphe s. of John Barlowe.
- 1668, Sep. 30, Ann w. of Edward Crowther.
- 1668-9, Jan. 10, Jonⁿ Johnson Slaine.
- 1668-9, ffeb. 8, John Crowther, yeoman.
- 1669, June 11, Elizabeth Chourlton, Spincer.
- 1669, Aug. 5, John s. of Wm. Shalcrosse.
- 1669, Aug. 9, Jonⁿ s. of Saml. Johnson.

- 1669, Dec. 31, Alex^r Radcliffe of S. gentleman.
1670, Nov. 2, Jane w. of Jeremie Chourlton.
1670, Dec. 31, Mary d. of Richd. Rigbie.
1670-1, Jan. 9, Jane w. of Christopher Slater.
1670-1, Jan. 23, James s. of Edward Hampson.
1671, May 17, Peter s. of Bryan Marsh.
1671, Oct. 10, Alice Chourlton, Widow.
1671, Oct. 17, Peter Chester of Ashton Sup. Mersie slaine at
Stretford.
1672, Ap. 11, Richd. Richardson.
1672, July 14, Thos. Davenport.
1672, Aug. 29, John s. of James Taylor.
1672, Dec. 30, Ann d. of Jas. Worsley.
1672-3, ffeb. 18, John s. of James Jackson.
1673, Nov. 6, John Clarkson deceased at Trafford.
1673, Dec. 3, Martha w. of James Worsley.
1673, Dec. 20, Saml. Johnson.
1673-4, ffeb. 9, John s. of Jas. Worsley.
1673-4, Mar. 20, John Chorleton.
1674, Ap. 7, Margret Worsley, Widow.
1674, Ap. 29, Margery w. of John Moss.
1675, Ap. 15, Richd. Rigbey.
1675, Aug. 31, Mary w. of Lawrence Crowther.
1675, Sep. 27, Alice w. of Richd. Gee.
1675, Nov. 23, Richd. Knight.
1675, Dec. 28, Jane Davenport, Widowe.
1676, Ap. 1, Alice Gee of S. deceased in childbed of a bastard.
1676, Ap. 8, Mary d. of the aforesaid Alice Gee.
1676-7, ffeb. 8, Ellin Moss, Spinster.
1677, Ap. 2, Amy w. of Wm. Shalcross.
1677, May 7, John Knight.
1677, Dec. 4, John Gee.
1677, Dec. 24, Anne w. of Nicholas Hall of Trafford.
1678-9, ffeb. 4, Alice w. of Thomas Hinsley.
1678-9, Mar. 3, Ellen d. of Richd. Harrison.

- 1678-9, Mar. 14, Wm. Shalcross, yeoman.
- 1679, July 1, Henry s. of Jas. Knight.
- 1680, July 1, John s. of Jas. Taylor.
- 1680, Oct. 3, John Moss.
- 1680-1, Jan. 5, Alice Hughes.
- 1681, Ap. 18, Saml. Chorleton of Stretford, Buryed there.
- 1681, Ap. 25, John Barlow.
- 1681, May 13, Edwd. s. of John Moss.
- 1681, June 2, Katherine Barlowe.
- 1681, July 2, Lawrence Crowther.
- 1681, Aug. 11, Bryan Marsh of Trafford.
- 1681, Sep. 2, Thos. Shalcross.
- 1681, Nov. 12, Thos. s. of Wm. Shalcross.
- 1682, Ap. 9, John Davenport.
- 1682, June 25, John s. of Josh Knight.
- 1683, Ap. 1, Elizth d. of Richd. Hughes.
- 1683, May 1, Ellen w. of Wm. Renshall.
- 1683-4, ffeb. 29, Amy d. of Wm. Shalcross.
- 1684, Aug. 13, Alice Jackson.
- 1684, Dec. 15, John Harrison als. Hugh.
- 1684, Dec. 18, Mathew s. of Wm. Shalcrosse.
- 1684, Dec. 23, Wm. s. of Robt. Mosse.
- 1684-5, Jan. 5, John Taylor.
- 1685, May 23, Raphe Barlow.
- 1686, July 26, Alice d. of John Deamport.
- 1687, Sep. 27, Jas. s. of Richd. Harrison.
- 1687, Dec. 30, Jane w. of Richd. Harrison als. Hughes.
- 1687-8, Mar. 16, Mary Taylor.
- 1687-8, Mar. 16, Alice d. of John Harrison.
- 1689, July 3, Thos. s. of John Harrison.
- 1689, Oct. 13, Two children of Richd. Harrison, stillborn.
- 1689, Nov. 10, Ann d. of Thos. Davenport.
- 1689-90, Jan. 28, Martha w. of Jas. Worsley.
- 1689-90, ffeb. 11, Martha w. of Jas. Taylor.
- 1690, July 19, Richd. Gee.

- 1690, Dec. 2, John s. of Richd. Gee late of S. deceased.
1691, Mar. 27, John s. of John Rigby.
1691, May 24, Richd. s. of Geo. Richardson.
1691, Dec. 29, Margaret w. of John Rigby.
1692, Ap. 19, Alice d. of John Gee.
1692, Ap. 22, Katherine d. of John Gee.
1692, May 22, Thos. Tepping.
1692, July 15, Alice Barlow, Widow.
1692, Oct. 23, Thos. s. of Thos. Barlow.
1692-3, feb. 1, Jas. Kelsall.
1693, Sep. 8, Katherine d. of John Gee.
1693, Nov. 29, John Harrison.
1693, Dec. 10, Eleanor Hilton.
1693-4, feb. 17, Elizabeth d. of Geo. Richardson.
1694, Nov. 5, Martha Wright.
1694, Nov. 12, Elizabeth Richardson.
1694-5, Jan. 2, Bridget Kelsall.
1695, July 18, John Bent of S. was buried there.
1695, Aug. 3, Thos. s. of Saml. Chorleton.
1695, Aug. 3, Ann d. of Geo. Richardson.
1695, Sep. 7, Elizth. Harrison, Widow.
1695, Nov. 14, John Crowther.
1695, Nov. 18, Edwd. Browne.
1696-7, Jan. 16, Elizth. Morris.
1696-7, Jan. 26, Mary Rigbey.
1696-7, feb. 16, Thos. s. of John Harrison.
1697, May 3, Mary d. of John Harrison.
1697, Sep. 21, Robt. Mosse.
1697, Oct. 28, Esther d. of Saml. Platt of Manch^r buried at
Stretford.
1698, feb. 17, Garrett son of Peter Heys.
1699, Jan. 11, Mary d. of John Harrison of Straitford.
1700, Jan. 15, Bridget d. of John Gee late of Stratford.
1701, May 6, John Harrison of Stratford.
1701, June 11, Alice Bradshaw.

- 1701, June 26, Jas. Worsley.
- 1701, June 27, Jeremia Chorleton of Stratford.
- 1701, Aug. 3, John Worsley.
- 1702, Ap. 18, Elizabeth Marsh of Throstle nest.
- 1702, May 3, Ellen faulkner of Stratford widow.
- 1702, Nov. 6, John Moss.
- 1702, Dec. 26, Mary Harrison widow.
- 1703, May 5, Wm. s. of Thos. Hampson.
- 1703, Aug. 20, Catherine d. of Saml. Johnson.
- 1703, Dec. 4, Alice d. of Joseph Knight.
- 1703-4, Jan. 25, Mary Knight, Spinster.
- 1704, Ap. 14, Jas. Knight.
- 1704, June 11, Alice Knight, spinster.
- 1704, June 28, Sarah Harrison, Widow.
- 1705, Oct. 11, Elizth d. of John Thornley.
- 1705, Nov. 10, Jas. s. of John Artingstone of S. Bolster Weaver.
- 1705, Mar. 5, Ann w. of Edmund Mort of S. Husbandman.
- 1706, Sep. 8, Jane d. of John Thornley.
- 1706, Nov. 29, Jas. s. of John Arstangstall.
- 1706, Dec. 17, Richd. Knight, Carrier.
- 1706-7, Jan. 8, Mary w. of John Arstall.
- 1707, Ap. 30, John s. of John Knight.
- 1707, May 5, Peter s. of Thos. Hampson.
- 1707, Aug. 14, Millred Gee.
- 1707, Nov. 8, Mary w. of Thos. Hampson.
- 1708-9, ffeb. 6, Hannah Knight.
- 1709, June 22, Hannah w. of Wm. Shalcross.
- 1709, Oct. 28, Mary Knight, Widow.
- 1709, Mar. 17, Elizth D. of Saml. Johnstone.
- 1712, Ap. 1, Jos^h s. of Jos^h Knight.
- 1712, Ap. 13, Ann d. of Jos^h Knight.
- 1712, May 2, Jas. s. of John Knight.
- 1713, Mar. 27, Mary d. of Edward Downs.
- 1714, June 19, Edwd. s. of Saml. Johnson.
- 1715, Ap. 1, Saml. Worthington of Olde Traford.

- 1715-6, feb. 6, Wm. Shalcross.
1718, Oct. 14, Ellen Davie.
1719, Oct. 16, Elizth w. of John Royle of Streetford.
1719, Jan. 6, Sarah d. of John Knight.
1720, Mar. 7, Ann d. of John Harrison of Stratford.
1722, Jan. 23, Sarah d. of John Harrison of Streetford.
1722, Aug. 20, John Richardson of Streetford.
1722, Nov. 15, Mary Johnson.
1725, Ap. 29, Wm. Barlow of Streetford.
1727, Aug. 6, Jos^h s. of Jos^h Knight of Stretford.
1727, Nov. 18, Thos. Hampson.
1728, Ap. 28, Cleopas Ratcliffe of Streetford.
1728, July 30, Saml. Johnson of Streetford.
1728, Nov. 14, Mary w. of Saml. Thornley.
1729, Ap. 1, Mary Thornhill, Spinster.
1729, May 31, Betterig w. of y^e late Saml. Johnson.
1729, July 8, Alice w. of John Knight.
1729, July 14, Tho. s. of John Shallcross.
1729, July 24, Tho. Taylor of Streetford.
1729, Sep. 10, John Artingstall.
1730, Sep. 16, Ann w. of Jos^h Knight.
1732, Oct. 24, Absola w. of John Pickston.
1733, July 28, Wm. s. of John Shallcross.
1734, Ap. 1, Jos^h Knight.
1735, Ap. 13, Mary d. of John Shallcross.
1735, Nov. 6, Anne Richardson, widow.
1736, Mar. 12, Rich^d Johnson.
1738, Sep. 29, Geo. Rowbottom from Stretford.
1738, Oct. 17, John Moss from Stretford.
1739, Dec. 16, John Pickton Sen^r.
1740, Aug. 25, Jane d. of Peter Hampson.
1741, Sep. 14, Tho. s. of John Eccles.
1742, Ap. 21, Mary d. of y^e late Rev. Mr. Jackson of Stretford.
1743, Dec. 1, Tho. s. of Tho. Royle.
1743-4, feb. 5, Susan w. of John Walker.

- 1745, Aug. 29, John s. of John Roobottom.
- 1745, Dec. 9, Mary d. of Tho. Fazackerley.
- 1745-6, Jan. 31, Jas. Knight.
- 1745-6, feb. 26, John Shawcross.
- 1746, Sep. 25, Mary w. of Thos. Fazackerley.
- 1749, Aug. 4, Elizth w. of Joshua Royle.
- 1750, July 31, Hannah d. of Henry Knight.

Marriages at Eccles.

Extracted by John Owen.

- 1673, July 13, Richard Knight and Elizabeth Hatton de Stretford.
- 1701, Aug. 15, Humphrey Trafford gentleman and Mary Ashton eldest Dau. of Sir Ralph Ashton of Middleton.
- 1732, Nov. 30, Wm. Heywood H[ujus] and Mary Knight of Stretford, L[icense].
- 1734, May 1, Philip Barnes de Derby Esq. and Miss Ann Trafford de Trafford, L.
- 1741, March 20, Richard Banks of Stretford in Manchester Parish and Ann Houghton of Barton, L.
- 1744, Dec. 20, Wm. Higson of this Par. and Mary Falkner of Stretford in Manchester Parish by License.
- 1750, Jan. 19, John Hankinson of Stretford and Mary Holcroft of Eccles.
- 1759, May 30, John Baxter of the Par. of Manch. Minister of Stretford and Sarah Barlow of this Parish, L.

Baptisms at Eccles.

- 1700, Henry s. of William Taylor de Stretford.

Burials at Eccles.

- 1638, June 15, Richard Hope de Straitforde.
- 1667, Aug. 19, John Knight of Stretford.
- 1675, Nov. 6, Robert Turner de Stretford.
- 1675, Nov. 6, John Turner de Stretford.

[1772, Dec. 31, Xri Bell of Trafford was buried at Eccles, and the fact was recorded on the gravestone of Richard Martinscroft of Manchester, who was buried Jan. 4, 1666, in the passage at the south entrance to Eccles Churchyard. (Lanc. and Ches. Antiq. Soc., vol. iv. p. 264.)]

Burials at Ashton-upon-Mersey.

1655, Aug. 9, Wm. s. of Phillip Moss of Stretford.

1741, Sep. 10, Mary wife of William Moss Crisspin from Stretford.

1777, Feb. 25, John Moss of Stretford.

[Here end Mr. Owen's Extracts.]

STOCKPORT PARISH CHURCH REGISTER.

1609, May 5, Raphe sonne of John Barlowe of Trafford baptised.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY REGISTERS.¹

[To avoid useless repetition the formula "of Stretford" or "Stretford" after each entry is omitted in these Extracts.]

1772, July 26, Margaret D. of John Holcroft.

1772, Nov. 1, Peter son of Richard Siddall.

1773, Jan. 10, Ellen Dauge of Mary Holbrook.

¹ The earliest extant Register at Chorlton-cum-Hardy contains at one end Baptisms from March 27, 1737, to December 6, 1812; and at the other end, on the first page, five Marriages from July 26, 1737, to June 12, 1751, followed by Burials from March 22, 1753, to December 17, 1812. At the baptismal end of the book a copy is inserted which was made by Mr. Clarke, Rector of Stretford in 1855, of "A Note of the Christeniges in our Chappell of Chorleton for the yeare 1639," (containing ten entries), which is preserved at Chester, and is the only Return from Chorlton prior to 1737. These ten entries do not name Stretford, but indicate some of the family names prevalent there, namely :—

John the son of William Rennshall the 24th of July.

Edward the son of Edward Greenhall the 28 of July.

Mary Heigham the daughter of Robert Heigham 23^d of August.

John the sone of John Moores November 4th.

Mary daughter of George Hartley the 8th of December.

1773, Apr. 4, Mary Dauge of John Hill.

1773, Aug. 29, Anne d. of Henry Renshaw Husbandman, and Jane his wife.

1774, Oct. 9, Sarah D. of Richard Hankinson Farmer and Alice his wife.

1775, Apr. 30, Mary d. of John Assheton Farmer and Mary his wife.

1775, May 21, William s. of Richard Syddal Husbⁿ and Mary his wife.

1776, Nov. 24, Samuel s. of Saml. Whitelegg and Ellen his wife.

1777, Jan. 19, Anne d. of Ellen Barker.

1777, May 25, Hannah d. of Richd. Syddal and Mary his wife.

1777, June 8, Alice d. of John Johnson.

1777, Sep. 7, Alice d. of Richd. Hankinson and Alice his wife.

1778, Apr. 5, John s. of Mary Hardy.

1778, May 17, Hannah d. of Thomas Richardson.

1778, May 17, Anne d. of James Wrenshaw and Ellen his wife.

1780, Feb. 25, John s. of Richard Hankinson.

1780, Mar. 25, John s. of Saml. Whitelegge.

1782, Aug. 25, Richd. s. of Richd. Hankinson.

1782, Oct. 6, Mary d. of Mary Hancock.

1784, May 2, Mary d. of Joseph and Elizabeth Lowe.

1784, June 13, Ellen d. of Chas. Oldfield.

1784, July 25, John s. of Wm. Hampson.

1784, July 25, Mary d. of John Hale.

1784, July 25, Sarah d. of Thos. Heywood.

1784, Aug. 8, Isaac s. of Saml. Whitelegge.

James the sone of John ffletcher the 16 of february.

James hughes sone of Richard Hughes 22th day of february.

Mary Blomiley daughter of Richard Blomiley die predict.

William Renshaw the son of William Rennshaw March 14th.

Mary Gilbody the daughter of Roger Gilbody 21st day of March.

John Pollitt, curat.

John Williamson,

Edmund Coppocke, } Chapell Wardens.

- 1784, Aug. 8, Ellen d. of James Brownhill.
1784, Aug. 22, Geo. s. of Betty Downing.
1784, Sep. 5, Mary d. of Richd. Hankinson.
1784, Oct. 17, Thos. s. of Daniel Worthington.
1785, Aug. 21, Jas. s. of Thos. Hill.
1787, Mar. 18, John s. of James Turner.
1788, Ap. 6, Margt. d. of Richd. Hankinson.
1788, June 1, Deborah d. of Fanny Alman.
1788, Oct. 26, John s. of Geo. Jones.
1789, June 28, Jas. s. of Wm. Syddal.
1789, Oct. 4, Henry s. of Henry Stephenson.
1789, Oct. 25, Emanuel s. of Emanuel Baker.
1790, Oct. 24, James son of Jonathan and Mary Woodall.
1791, Jan. 16, Elizth d. of Geo. and Mary Jones.
1791, July 17, Geo. s. of John and Ann Laycock [Lowcock ?].
1791, Aug. 7, Sophia d. of Alice Hardy.
1791, Sep. 25, Susanna d. of Rich^d Hankinson.
1792, Dec. 14, Ellin d. of John and Ann Lowcock [Laycock ?].
1793, Aug. 4, James s. of Peter and Jane Leah.
1794, May 18, Mary d. of Geo. and Mary Jones.
1795, June 14, Wm. s. of Mary Walley.
1725, Aug. 2, John s. of Thos. and Elizth Davis.
1796, July 17, Pheby d. of Saml. and Marg^t Gibbern.
1796, Aug. 7, Joseph s. of Esther Brogden.
1796, Aug. 31, James s. of James and Ellin Lee.
1797, Mar. 19, Sarah d. of Thos. and Betty Davies.
1798, Aug. 26, Hannah d. of Thos. and Elizth Davies.
1799, June 9, Ann d. of Esther Brogden.
1800, June 1, Deborah d. of Thos. and Betty Davis.
1802, July 11, Ann d. of Thos. and Betty Davis.
1803, Nov. 27, Ann d. of Thos. and Elizth Davis.
1805, Sept. 15, Benjⁿ s. of Mary Walley.
1807, May 15, Thos. son of Thos. and Elizth Davis.
1811, Sep. 29, Isaiah s. of Chas. and Elizabeth Watts.

Burials.

- 1772, May 7, Thomas Savage Stratford Husbandman.
 1779, Nov. 8, Charles Watson.
 1780, June 23, Sarah w. of John Worthington [died 10th, aged 45].
 1783, Sep. 5, Jas. s. of John Worthington [died 4th, aged 8].
 1783, Oct. 13, Mary d. of Jonathan Watson.
 1788, Jan. 10, Jane d. of John Worthington [died 8th, aged 24].
 1790, July 21, Alexander s. of the late Chas. Watson and
 Mary his wife.
 1790, Aug. 24, Sarah Worthington [died 23rd, aged 28].
 1794, Nov. 26, Esther Watson.
 1796, Sep. 8, James s. of James and Ellin Lee.
 1799, Feb. 25, Elizabeth Gibborn.
 1804, Mar. 4, Amelia d. of Thos. and Hannah Walker.
 1806, Feb. 2, John Worthington [died Jan. 31, aged 69].
 1810, Ap. 24, James Lee.
 1810, May 1, Ellen Lee.
 1810, June 17, Edward son of Clayton and Mary Wright.

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[No Marriages].

Baptisms.

- 1591-2, Marche 2, Henrye y^e sonne of Robt. Hulme de Chorle-
 ton by Ellin Barlow de Stretford.
 1592, Alice the doughter of Richarde Elderson de Trafforde
 11^o m'cij.
 1594, Anne the doughter of John Hampson de Stretforde
 15^o Maij.
 1596, Ellin the doughter of John Ric'sonne de S. by Anne
 Marsshe 14^o Novembris.
 1613, Margret the doughter of Alexander Barlowe of S. 18 day
 of July.
 1626-7, Alis the doughter of J . . Moores of Stretford 24 day.

1678, John the sonne of Edward Hulme }
Samuell the sonne of . . . Hamson } March
both of Stretford } 14.

[Amongst Buryalls in 1614.][†]

Ellin Daught^r of James Syddall de Stretford Baptzd. Nouembr^r the 2^d Ano. Dom' 1686.

Mary Daught^r of Samuel Hampson de Stretford Baptizd. Nouembr^r the 11th 1686.

Mary Daught^r of Tho. Smith de Stretford Baptizd. Jan. y^e 13th 1686[-7].

James son of John Crowther de Stretford Baptzd. Jann. the 4th 1686[-7].

Thomas son of William Renshaw de Stretford Baptzd. Jan. 17, 1686[-7].

[Foot of page 8.] John son of John Mosse Stretford Bap. Aprill the 14th 1687.

[Foot of page 9.] John son of John Crowther of Stretford Bap. Jan. 4, 1686.

[Above weddings in 1688.] Marg^t daughter of Thomas Smith de Stretford Bap. Jan. 18th '85 [?] followed by

Martha daughter of Tho. Smith Bap. last day of Jan., '87.

[Amongst burials in 1672.] Marthah Daughter of James Syddall of Stretford Baptised May y^e 21st 1688.

Burials.

1616, August, Elizabeth the d. of Richard Twiford of Stretford 9 day.

1623, June, Margerit the w. of Edward Browne of Stretford 19 day.

[†] These erratic entries were probably made by the Rev. Peter Shaw, who about that time was attending to both Stretford and Didsbury. Amongst the Christenings for 1647 he has written "Mr. Peter Shaw Minist^r of Didis'ry who succeeded Mr. John Walker Septemb^r the thirteenth Annoq' 1685."

- 1648, Dec^r, Jane the wife of Gyles Gee of Stretford the first day.
 1666, Oct^r, Mary the wife of [Mr.¹] Alexander Ratlife of Stretford 2.
 1674, Apr. 5, Thomas Boardman of Stretford.
 1691, Nov. 30, Adam Barlowe of Streetford.
 1694, Dec. . . . Alis Barlow of Stretford Widdo.
 1707-8, Feb. . . . Mary the daughter of William Hulme of Stretford.

THE OLD CHAPEL-YARD.

Amongst the older tombstones still visible in the sadly neglected old Chapel-yard are the following :—

On west wall is a stone lettered :—

[1] This yard was enlarged
 and drained in the year
 1831 and the additional
 Land given by T. J. Trafford,
 Esq^r.

Jacob Brundrit } Chapel
 Peter Hulme } Wardens.
 Drⁿ 10 feet | 22 yards
 Deep.

by—10 yards.

Alongside of the above, and to the south of it, is a stone inscribed :—

[2] William Rogerson
 who died February 22, 1831, aged 25.
 Joshua Royle
 who died March 23, 1849, aged 33.
 Alice Royle
 who died May 25, 1884, aged 84 years.

¹ "Mr." interlined.

To the north, and nearer the wicket gate, is a stone on the ground, partly covered with soil :—

[3] Mary Ann
and Margaret
. . . May

The next stone to the left of No. 3, also on the ground, is lettered at the head, as far as legible :—

[4] SMITH & INGLE.

Then comes one reared against the wall :—

[5] John son of William and
. . . Bluer who departed
this life January 29th, . . .
aged 3 weeks. Also
their second son John who
departed this life December
20, 1801, aged 7 weeks.

Next, against the wall :—

[6] E. Harrop, 1807.

Then :—

[7] John son of Isaac and Sarah
Whitehead who departed this
life April 5th, 1801, aged 9 years.

Next, against the wall :—

[8] J. Bealey, 1811.

[9] William son of William and
Hannah Richardson who
departed this life April
. . . 1816, aged . . . years.

[10] John Fallows died
December the 16th
1815, aged 85 years.

Also Alice his wife,
died

[11] Edward the son of Richard
and Sarah Smith who de-
parted this Life June the
10th 1802, aged 9 weeks.

William Tysick of
Manchester, Oct^r 29th,
1810.

[12] Isaac Moss 1802.

[13] This yard was enlarged and [drained ?]
A.D. 1806 and the additional
given by Edward Marl

J. Brundrit } Chapel Wardens.
J. Hulme }

9 yards
|

by 19—

Drⁿ 10½.

Against the wall :—

[14] Sacred to the Memory of Ann Thompson who
departed this life August 6th 1812, aged 64 years.
Also Mary her [the rest is covered].

[15] In memory of Martha Holbrook who departed
this life March 19th 1803, aged 61 years.

Below these, on the ground :—

[16] Heere lieth the body of John Holbrook of Stretford
who departed this life July the 10th 1810, aged 34 years.

Jane the daughter of James and Jane Holbrook who
departed this life November the 15th 1810, aged . . years.

Also Dennis their son . . . mber 20th 1816, in his 10th year.

Jane wife of James Brundrit who died February . . . 1818, aged 40 years.

[17] Here resteth the Body of Margret wife of James Royle of Stretford who was buried July the 7, 1754, aged 55.

William son of James Royle of Stretford departed this life Febuary y^e 9th 1732, And John his son departed this life August y^e 7th 1738. Also Thomas his son departed this life August y^e 1th 1740. Likewise Mary his Daughter departed this life August y^e 23th 1746.

[18] Ann Oldfield died July 31st 1792, aged 82 years.

[19] Here is interred the Body of Thomas Tipping of Stretford, who departed this life November 6th 1751.

Likewise Ellen his wife who died May the 22, 1775, aged 58 years.

[20] Ellen the daughter of Henry and Mary Steven who departed this life March the 23th 1771, aged 4 years.

Also Thomas their son departed this Life June the 28th 1782, aged 3 years. Also Betty their daughter departed this Life June the 29th 1783, aged 4 years.

Parker Steven died July 25th 1846, aged 9 months.

[21] Here rest the Remains of Joseph Bent of Stretford who departed this Life October 25th 1760, aged 55 years. Also

Isaac his son departed this Life June 22nd 1809, aged 75 years.

Also Ann wif of Isaac Bent who departed this Life Feb. the 27th 1799, aged 62 years.

Alongside is :—

[22] Esther Johnson died April 23rd 1796.

Esther Gibbon died July 8th 1798, aged 2 years.

[23] HERA · vnder
 RESTaTH THE
 BODY OF AN·
 SYDALL · daUG
 HTER OF THOM
 es · SYdELL BU
 RYed MERch
 THE 5 · 1684.

Alongside to the left is :—

[24] Here resteth the Body of Ja^d
 Bir^m died Dec^r 12th 1791 A^o 64.
 Hanna wife of Jared Birming
 ham departed this Life June 14
 1791, aged 66 years.
 William son of Ann Bir-
 mingham of Stretford
 was interrred Ianuary
 Anno Dom 1749, Aetatis
 suæ 2.

To the north of the front gate, and partly covered with soil
 and grass, are Nos. 25 and 26, lying at the east end of the ancient
 chapel site.

[25] Here Resteth the Body of
 the Rev. John Jackson
 A.M. buried Feb. [ye 21st] 1740.
 M^{rs} Eliz. Grant[ham]
 [buried] Jan. 14, 1733.

[26] [The Rev.] John Baxter
 [who was] minister of [this]
 Chapel 19 year dyed [August]
 6th 1766, aged
 61 years.

Railed in to the north of the front gate :—

[27] Sacred to the Memory of

Jonathan Hulme of Cross Street late of Stretford, Surgeon, who departed this life December 8th 1829, aged 68 years.

Also Betty his wife who died April 15th 1847 aged 76 years.

Also Jonathan their son, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, who died on the 26th day of January, 1813, in the 22nd year of his age.

Also Emily their Daughter who died November 2nd 1837, aged 25 years.

Also Betty their Daughter who died May 11, 1852, aged 52 years.

Also Mary their Daughter who died May 28, 1855.

Also Sarah their Daughter who died June 2nd 1857, aged . . .

Also Harriett their Daughter, Widow of Jedidiah Davenport, who died January 11th 1871, aged 66 years.

Between the above and the front wall is another railed-in stone, so covered with dirt as to be partly illegible. As far as decipherable it names :—

[28] Thomas Sothern son of

. . . William Speakman May 12, 1801, aged 11 years.

Also Lucy Eleanor their Daughter, Dec. 31, 1802.

Also Benjamin Sothern their Son, April 25th 1811.

Also William Sothern 21, 1814.

Also Ellen Sothern their Daughter 1816.

Also Eliza their Daughter

[29] Here resteth the Body of

Jonathan Worthington

who departed this life

July ye 31th 1769, Aged

79 years.

Mary his wife

buried March the 30

Ao Doñ 1747, Aged 51 years.

Rebecca the Daughter of
Jonathan Worthington of
Stretford who departed this
Life April y^e 29th 1727.
Hannah his Daughter who
departed this life July
y^e 10, 1730. Also Susanna
his Daughter who departed
this life June y^e 26th 1756.

Nos. 30 to 35 form part of a line extending westward from
the Hulme tomb, as if the stones had been originally laid along
an aisle of the old Chapel.

[30] James Crowther
of Stretford who
departed this life April
24 Anno Dom̃. 1738.
aged 39.
And Iohn his son
. . . y^e 1, 1740; Mary
his Daughter ye first de-
parted February y^e 26,
1726; Mary his Daughter
y^e Second departed
October y^e 13, 1731; Mary
his Daughter y^e third [covered].

[31] Here resteth the Body of
John Knight, Stretford,
who departed
the 19, 1733, in the 69 year
his Age. Also Jonathan
of Stretford who departed
life Jan. the 11th 1761, Aged . . . years.

Here resteth the Body of
John son of Jonathan Knight of Stretford
who departed life Sept. the 8th 1746,
aged 4 years.

And Alice his daughter
who departed Oct. .th 1748.

And John the 2nd son, also Alice his Daughter.

[32] Here Resteth the Body of Edmund
Bradshaw of Stretford who departed
this life May 30, 1788, aged 79 years.

Jane his wife who departed this life
April 15th 1777, aged 72 years.

Also Sarah Jobling their Daughter
who departed this life January
22^d 1766, aged 31 years & 8 months.

William Bradshaw of Stretford
died May 13th 1864, aged 79 years.

Also Martha wife of William
Bradshaw who departed this life
July 12, 1834, aged 45 years.

Also Sarah Ann their Daughter
who departed this life Nov^r 23rd
1835, aged 3 years & 9 months.

Also James their son died March
24, 1836, aged 9½ years.

Alice Daughter of William and
Martha Bradshaw who died Nov. 27, 1826,
aged 2 years and 1 month.

John Bradshaw died Jan^{ry} 9th
1864, aged 40 years.

[33] Here Rest the Remains of
Mary Bradshaw who
departed this life March 3rd
1812, aged 74 years.

James son of Mary Bradshaw

of Stretford who died April 5,

A.D. 1769.

[verse.]

Jane Bradshaw

[verse]

Also William her Brother

April 7th 1818, aged 70 years.

Also Thomas their Brother

January . . th 1823,

aged 83 years.

[34] . . . Kay of Stretford who departed this
life December . . . 1755 in the 35th year
of his age.

Ann his wife died April . . . 1753,
aged 38.

James Kay died June 19th 1803, aged
67 years.

Also Thomas Kay died January 8th 1812,
aged 73 years.

Also of Thomas Kay died Jan. 17th 1805,
aged 44 years.

[35] Jas. Bradshaw
the younger who departed this
life December
aged . . . years.

[36] G J H 1811.

[37] Mary wife of George
Andrew who departed
this life May the 28th
1810, aged 41 years.

W. Dean, 1813.

CHAPTER VI.

STRETTFORD WILLS PROVED AT CHESTER, 1545-1780.

WILLS proved at Chester (Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society, vol. ii., 1545-1620).¹

Dean, James, 1620.

Gilbodie, Roger, yeoman, 1606.

Johnson, Richard, of Trafford [co. Lanc. ?], 1592.

Johnson, Thomas, 1618.

Parr, John, of Trafford [co. Lanc. ?], 1585.

Radcliffe, Alexander, Gent, Inv. 1608.

Ranshall, John, Inv. 1608.

Trafford, Sir Edmund, of Trafford, Knight, 1620.

Walley, Nicholas, of Trafford [co. Lanc. ?], husbdman, 1585 B.

(L. & C. Record Soc., vol. iv., 1621-1650.)²

Fawkner, William, yeoman, Inv. 1634.

Faulkner, alias Johnson, Margaret, widow, 1621.

Gatley, Elizabeth, 1623.

¹ As Stretford and Trafford were within Manchester Parish, many persons living at those places were described in their wills as of Manchester. In the first *Manchester Directory*, compiled in 1772 for Mrs. Raffald, three persons are included whose only addresses were "Stratford," namely, Wm. Chadwick, Gent., Jas. Crowther, Gent., J. Harrison, Gent. No mention is made of any member of the Trafford family in this *Directory*, from which it may be inferred that the family had removed from Trafford Old Hall to Wickleswick Hall prior to that date. For this List of Wills only names of persons actually described as of Stretford, &c., have been extracted, and in the case of those described as of Trafford further search would be necessary to ascertain whether Trafford co. Lancaster or one of the Cheshire Traffords is meant. The description "of Stretford" is omitted in this list.

² The gap between 1650 and 1660 is partly filled by the Canterbury Court List of Lancashire Wills and Administrations, which is appended to this fourth volume, but Stretford and Trafford are not amongst the places named in the list.

- Gee, Mary, widow, 1649.
 Gee, Thomas, yeoman, 1633.
 Harrison, alias Hughes, Henry, Linen Webster, 1633.
 Hughes, alias Harrison, Henry, Linen Webster, 1633.
 Harwood, James, of Marsleach [on the confines of Stretford,
 but within Chorlton-cum-Hardy township], 1623.
 Hollinpriest, Robert, husbandman, 1641.
 Leige, Robert, of Mersleach within Withington [*sic*], husband-
 man, 1636.
 Manwaring, Arthur, husbandman, 1638.
 Moss, Elizabeth, widow, 1622.
 Moss, Jeffery, Admin. 1646.
 Ottiwell, Isabella, 1621.
 Penketh, Thomas, of Trafford [co. Lanc. ?], 1631.
 Ratcliffe, James, chapman, Inv. 1637.
 Renshaw, Thomas, 1637.
 Wright, John, husbandman, 1642.

(L. & C. Record Soc., vol. xv., 1660-1680.)

- Barker, Lydia, 1674.
 Davenport, William, of Trafford [co. Lanc. ?], 1670.
 Fawkner, Ann, widow, 1662.
 Fawkner, John, 1679.
 Fawkner, William, 1677.
 Harrison, John, yeoman, 1669.
 Hobson, Ann, of Marsleach, co. Lanc., widow, 1669.
 Hollinpriest, James, 1671.
 Hollinpriest, John, 1674.
 Hollinpriest, Robert, Inv. 1666.
 Johnson, Richard, 1670.
 Kelsall, John, of Trafford [co. Lanc. ?], yeoman, 1663.
 Knight, Edward, 1677.
 Knight, John, 1677.
 Massey, alias Trafford, Mildred, of Trafford, Admin. 1673.
 Penketh, Thomas, of Trafford [co. Lanc. ?], gentleman, 1663.

Percivall, William, of Trafford [co. Lanc. ?], 1677.
Robinson, William, husbandman, 1661.
Sayle, Richard, of Trafford [co. Lanc. ?], 1673.
Trafford, Sir Edmund, of Trafford, Knt., Adm. with Inv., 1671.
Trafford, Sir Edmund, of Trafford, Knt., Admin. 1672.
Trafford, Sir Edmund, of Trafford, Knt., Admin. 1674.
Trafford, John, Richard, Monica, Penelope, Ann, and Edmund
Tuition, 1676, [of Bridge Trafford, co. Chester. ?]
Trafford, alias Massey, Mildred, of Trafford, Admin. 1673.
Wilkinson, Mary, of Trafford [co. Lanc. ?], 1671.

Infra, or under £40 personalty.

Baxter, Thomas, of Trafford [co. Lanc. ?], yeoman, 1663.
Cheshire, Nathaniel, husbandman, 1670.
Chorlton, Alice, widow, 1671.
Crowther, Giles, Inv. 1675.
Devis, Elizabeth, spinster, 1670.
Hampson, Edward, Admin. with Inv. 1663.
Hardy, Henry, Inv. 1678.
Harrison, Alice, widow, 1676.
Hurdis, Henry, of Trafford in Manchester, 1663.
Johnson, Jonathan, Admin. 1670.
Knight, John, husbandman, 1667.
Mosse, Ellen, spinster, Inv. 1676.
Mosse, John, 1671.
Mosse, John, husbandman, Inv. 1680.
Rigby, Richard, Inv. 1675.
Royle, George, husbandman, Inv. 1678.
Shawcross, John, Inv. 1675.
Shawcross, William, yeoman, 1679.
Taylor, Dorothy, of Marshleach, par. Manchr., 1675.¹
Turner, Robert, husbandman, Inv. 1676.

¹ In Procter's *Memorials of Manchester Streets*, 1874, p. 278, the following inscription is quoted from a gravestone which used to be in the Manchester Churchyard:—

“Here resteth the body of Old William | Tailor of Marsleach, Bur: 4 of June

(L. & C. Record Soc., vol. xviii., 1681-1700.)

Barlow, Ralph, 1685.
 Barlow, Thomas, of Stratford, husbdm., Adm. with Inv. 1697.
 Barlow, Thomas, 1684.
 Chalton, Ann, 1687.
 Charlton, George, 1681.
 Chorlton, Robert, 1689.
 Harrison, alias Salter, Thomas, 1681.
 Heyward, Thomas, husbdm., 1697.
 Hulme, Samuel, of Wickleswick, Admin. with Inv. 1681.
 Jackson, Alice, 1684.
 Kelsall, Jane, of Trafford [co. Lanc. ?], widow, 1699.
 Mellatt, Peter, husbdm., Adm. with Inv. 1698.
 Moss, Robert, 1697.
 Mosse, William, 1688.
 Renshaw, William, of Stratford, blksmith, 1696.
 Shalcross, Thomas, Adm. with Inv. 1681.

Infra, or under £40 personalty.

Barker, Jonathan, Adm. 1684.
 Barker, alias Robinson, Daniel, Adm. 1682.
 Barlow, Alice, widow, 1692.
 Barlow, Catherine, Inv. 1681.
 Barlow, Edmund, wheelwright, 1688.

1632 | of his ag: 80; and of Elizabeth his wife, Bu: | Nov. 11, 1631, ag: 70 famous
 in their tyme; | and of their sons Abraham Tailor, Nathaniel | Tailor, Isaac Tailor,
 Bur: at Boulton. Jacob | Tailor of Offerton in Cheshire, Bur: Aug. 22, | 1662, the
 nonsuch of his time in the place | where he lived. Samuel Taylor of Moston | Bur:
 August 30, 1664, ag: 71, of whom the | world was not worthy. Sing on faire soule |
 your sweet anthems to our great King above | Whilst I with weeping eyes awhile do
 wander | here below, hoping ere while to sing with you | above. Alsoe Zacharie
 Tailor of Marshleach, | Chapman, was buried Jany. 23, 1670 |

Joshua Tailor } Jany ye 29, 1700.

Marget his wife } burd Nov. ye 10, 1700.

Nathaniel Tailor of Moston, burd the 27 | of Jany. 1709.

J. T. Jan. 1702."

Barlow, Edmund, yeoman, Adm. with Inv. 1693.
Barlow, John, yeoman, 1681.
Chorlton, John, husbdm., 1693.
Chorlton, Samuel, husbdm., Inv. 1681.
Crowther, Edward, gardener, 1699.
Darbishire, James, Adm. 1690.
Faulkner, John, yeoman, Adm. w. Inv. 1684.
Gee, Richard, yeoman, 1690.
Harper, James, yeoman, 1697.
Harrison, John, yeoman, Adm. w. Inv. 1693.
Hartley, Robert, husbdm., Inv. 1681.
Hinchley, Thomas, husbdm., Inv. 1681.
Kelsall, Bridgett, Adm. w. Inv. 1692.
Kelsall, Bridgett, widow, 1695.
Knight, Mary, widow, Adm. 1694.
Moss, James, husbdm., 1697.
Moss, Philip, husbdm., 1687.
Nicholson, Alice, widow, 1681.
Radcliffe, Cleophas, yeoman, 1685.
Richardson, Elizabeth, widow, Adm. 1695.
Richardson, Elizabeth, widow, Adm. 1698.
Robinson, alias Barker, Daniel, Adm. 1682.
Siddall, Samuel, yeoman, 1685.
Turner, Thomas, Adm. w. Inv. 1695.

(L. & C. Record Soc., vol. xx., 1701-1720.)

Harrison, John, 1701.
Harrison, *alias* Hughes, Richard, 1706.
Marsh, Elizabeth, Adm. 1702.
Moores, Thomas, yeoman, 1720.
Moss, John, 1702.
Newton, John, yeoman, 1701.
Smith, Thomas, badger, (provision dealer), Adm. 1714.
Smith, Thomas, husbdm., Adm. w. Inv. 1715.
Worthington, Samuel, carrier, 1715.

Infra, or under £40 personalty.

Barker, alias Robinson, George, labourer, 1705.
 Chorlton, Jeremy, or Jeremiah, husbdm., Adm. w. Inv. 1702.
 Gee, James, silk weaver, Adm. 1711.
 Hamson, Robert, tailor, 1710.
 Hardy, James, husbdm., Adm. w. Inv. 1702.
 Harrison, Sarah, widow, 1710.
 Hinchley, Thomas, labourer, Adm. w. Inv. 1711.
 Hulme, John, gentleman, Adm. 1702.
 Knight, Ellen, spinster, Adm. w. Inv. 1705.
 Makin, Randle, carrier, Admin. w. Inv. 1701.
 Owen, Elizabeth, widow, 1706.
 Owen, William, labourer, 1705.
 Siddall, John, husbandman, 1706.
 Turner, Alice, widow, 1719.
 Worsley, James, husbdm., Adm. w. Inv. 1701.

(L. & C. Record Soc., vol. xxii., 1721-1740.

Barlow, John, 1722.
 Barlow, John, 1729.
 Barlow, William, yeoman, 1725.
 Crowther, John, yeoman, 1725.
 Crowther, Robert, innholder, 1728.
 Gee, Alice, widow, 1729.
 Gratrix, Richard, husbandman, 1726.
 Green, James, husbandman, Adm. w. Inv. 1722.
 Harrison, John, Gentleman, 1725.
 Holbrook, Robert, carrier, 1736.
 Hulme, Elizabeth, widow, 1728.
 Jackson, Samuel, husbandman, 1723.
 Johnson, Francis, yeoman, Adm. 1729.
 Knight, John, 1734.
 Moss, Thomas, yeoman, Adm. w. Inv. 1723.
 Ogden, James, carrier (see 1740), 1731.
 Ogden, James, carrier (see 1731), 1740.

Page, Edward, Adm. 1728.
Renshaw, James, yeoman, Adm. 1727.
Renshaw, Thomas, husbdm., 1727.
Richardson, George, yeoman, 1722.
Roscoe, William, yeoman, 1734.
Roscoe, Elizabeth, spinster, 1735.
Royle, Jonathan, yeoman, Adm. 1737.
Shawcross, John, yeoman, Adm. 1723.
Wagstaff, John, chapman, Adm. 1731.
Warburton, Peter, Adm. 1730.

Infra, or under £40 personalty.

Artinstall, John, Adm. w. Will and Inv. 1729 and 1730.
Dean, James, Adm. 1729 and 1730.
Hulme, Mary, Adm. 1731 and 1732.
Hulme, Thomas, 1731 and 1732.
Mault, William, Adm. w. Inv. 1729 and 1830.
Robinson, John, Adm. 1729 and 1730.

(L. & C. Record Soc., vol. xxv., 1741-1760.)

Barlow, John, the younger, husbdm., Adm. 1747.
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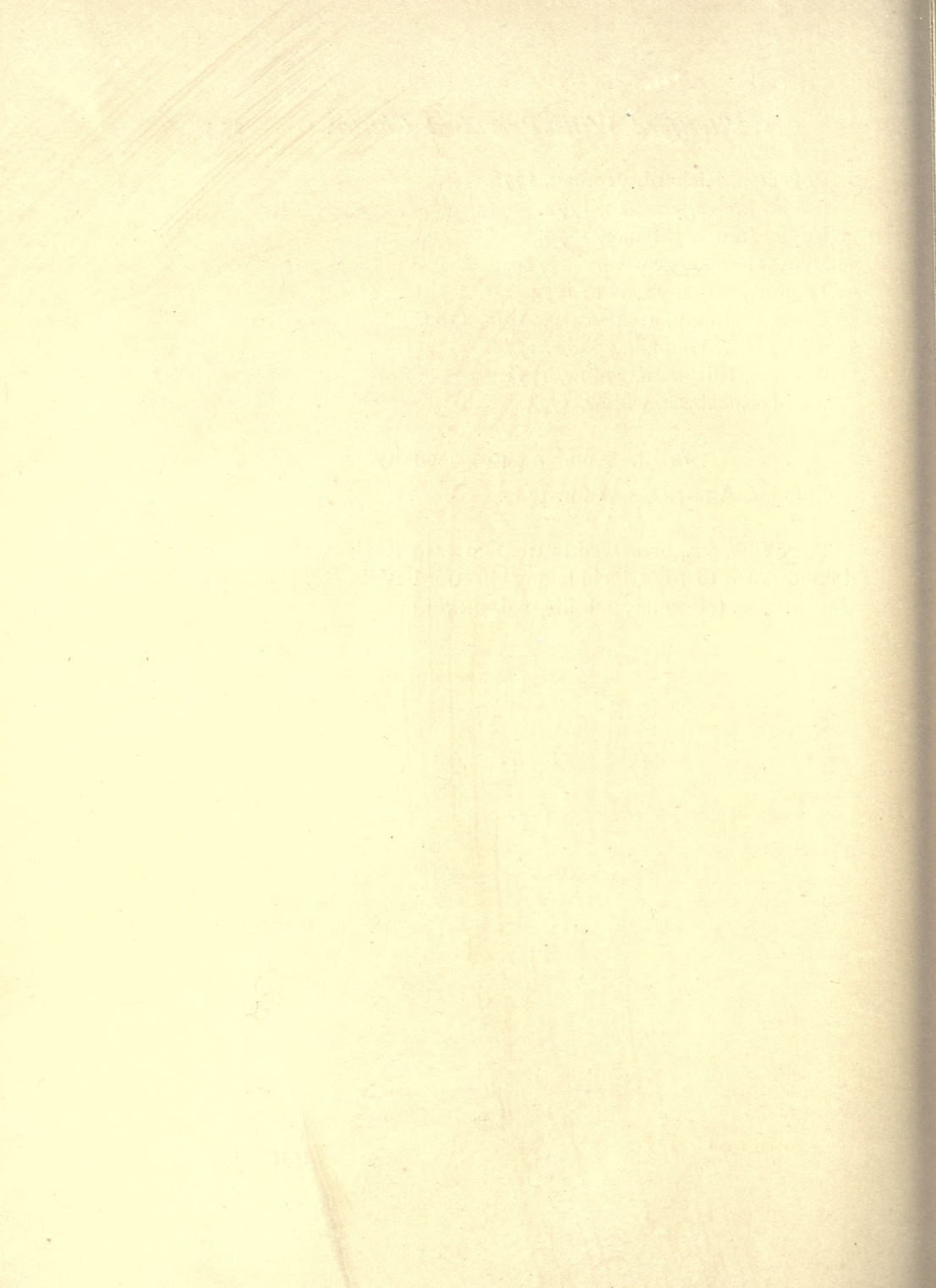
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TWO volumes have been issued to the Members since the last Report of the Council, namely, Part I. of Vol. II. of the *Chartulary of Cokersand Abbey*, edited by MR. WILLIAM FARRER, and Part II. (being the concluding portion) of the *Minutes of the Bury Presbyterian Classis*, edited by MR. W. A. SHAW, M.A., Litt.D., forming two of the volumes for the year 1898-9.

The third Part of the *Chartulary of Cokersand* fully maintains the interest of the previous Parts, and deals chiefly with the documents relating to the Hundred of Leyland, but includes a few relating to the Hundred of Blackburn and other places. Among the documents in the volume is a grant of Pilling Hay by Theobald Walter. By the courtesy of W. H. Dalton, Esq., of Thurnham Hall (in whose possession the Charter now is), Mr. Farrer has been enabled to include a *facsimile* of the Grant as a frontispiece to Vol. II. This charter of Theobald Walter is not recorded in the Register of the Abbey. The summaries

of the contents of the charters which Mr. Farrer continues to give, as well as his notes on the names, places, and boundaries, and such as those on the Boteler and Standish families, are of great value, and the Council feels sure that these features of the book will be greatly appreciated by the members.

The issue of Part II. of the *Minutes of the Bury Classis* concludes the work, which forms a complement to the *Minutes of the Manchester Classis*, already printed by the Society, and gives us another example of the manner in which the Classes tried to regulate the religion and morals of the districts in which they were established. Mr. Shaw's notes on the names occurring in the volume, and his account of the Ministers mentioned, which forms a separate Appendix, very much enhance its value. The Editor has also added as Appendices the short Minutes of the Nottingham, Cornwall, and Cambridge Classes, a perusal of which show that the system did not obtain the same hold in any of these counties as it did in Lancashire.

The books in course of printing, besides the continuation of the *Chartulary of Cockersand*, are the *Visitationes Exemptæ Jurisdictionis Abbatis et Conventus Beatae Mariæ Virginis de Whalley*, edited by Miss ALICE M. COOKE, M.A., and the *History of the Ancient Chapel of Stretford*, by H. T. CROFTON, ESQ.

The *Visitationes* has long been on the Society's list as a volume to be issued, and the Council are glad to state that it is now in the hands of the printer. The volume gives promise of much interesting and curious matter, which is very fully brought out in Miss Cooke's notes. The *History of the Ancient Chapel of Stretford* will, it is anticipated, run into three volumes, and will form a complete history of the township of Stretford, and in addition to his work as Editor, Mr. Crofton has undertaken to provide a large number of illustrations for the book. The Council hopes that Part I. of the *History of Stretford* will form the third volume for the year 1898-9.

The Council regrets to be still unable to fix the date of the appearance

of MR. SUTTON'S *Life of Humphrey Chetham*. Further papers have been lately discovered which Canon Raines apparently had not seen, and these will need careful examination. This, together with pressure of other work, has prevented Mr. Sutton from making the progress he expected.

The Society has lost by death during the year three members, Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, Mr. Thomas Sowler, and Mr. James Lowe, M.A.

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